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So much can change in the space of a few weeks. When the University closed for the Christmas break I thought I had the basic content of this

issue worked out. Then the tsunamis swept across the Indian Ocean on Boxing Day.

When I came back to the office after New Year's, I was already thinking about how to deal with the news in the magazine. Because the next issue wasn't scheduled to come out for more than a month, I decided not to focus on the immediate stories describing the extent of damage and the individual stories of loss and bravery.

Two months after the event, it would be more appropriate to talk about the long-term projects needed to rebuild the infrastructures in the affected areas. As it turns out, the University of Alberta is organizing its expertise in strategic areas to help with those efforts. A story about the preparatory work being done by U of A International appears on page 4 of this issue. The reconstruction projects are expected to continue for 5 to 10 years, and *New Trail* will follow their progress with interest.

The other event that changed everything for the magazine, of course, was the death of the Honourable Lois Hole on 6 January. Her importance to the University community, the city, and the province is immeasurable; the great outpouring of emotion, support for her family, and personal remembrances signify that she will never be forgotten.

My own personal memories of her are limited. She was no longer chancellor when I started working at the University, but she was a frequent guest at Alumni Association events, and the few times I met her she greeted me as warmly as if we had been long acquainted. Her generosity of spirit was remarkable, and I hope I become one of the people she has inspired to work towards a better future for everyone.

Roland Lines
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An outstanding resemblance

I opened the latest issue of *New Trail* [Winter 2004/05] and found, much to my great surprise a large unidentified photo of myself, over the caption "Outstanding Research." Although I received both the Kaplan Award for Research Excellence, and the University Cup for both Teaching and Research Excellence, my mirth about your photo comes from the fact that I left the University of Alberta as of 1 July 2004 to accept the position of Vice-President Research at the University of Windsor where I am also Professor of Sociology. I would ask that a correction appear in your next issue notifying readers of this.

Susan McDaniel, '78 PhD

Windsor, Ontario

20 December 2004

Editor's Note: Susan McDaniel was not the only person to tell us that she is no longer at the

University of Alberta. The photograph of McDaniel was purposely left unidentified because it was intended as an image of an anonymous researcher. As it is now apparent, however, McDaniel's many accomplishments have made her anything but anonymous.

The need for historical clarity

November is a particularly painful time of year for many people who survived the tragedy and tortures of war, and World War II in particular.

In the article "Holocaust survivor ensures educational efforts continue" [Winter 2004/05], Gilbert A. Bouchard writes about the generosity of Saul and Toby Reichert in supporting a lecture series devoted to "the most painful and tragic wound in the history of the twentieth century." The pain and wounds belong to many people—those who survived,



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those who didn't, their families, their neighbours, and their compatriots.

That there is never only one history is evident in Mr. Bouchard's article when he writes about "the infamous Polish Lodz Ghetto." The ghetto and others like it were created by the Nazi aggressors, not the Poles whose country was ravaged by Nazi invaders from the west and Soviet "liberators" from the east. This distinction may seem like a grammatical error or simple semantics, but it is much more. The blame for ghettos in Poland does not lie with Poles.

As we try to correct such seemingly insignificant details,

please remember that we Canadian Poles are also survivors. Our family members, neighbours, and compatriots survived the Soviet and Nazi labour camps, death camps, assassination, murder, starvation, and exile.

We do not wish to diminish anyone else's suffering and generosity, which is surely an example to us all. In honour of all survivors, let us be sensitive so that healing can take place.

Terese Szlamp-Fryga,
'89 Dip(Ed), '03 MEd
President, Canadian Polish
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Edmonton, Alberta
3 December 2004

Editor's Note: As the preceding letter points out, it is important to remember that the ghetto that came into existence in the Polish city of Lodz in 1940 was created by the Nazi occupiers, who precipitated the Second World War by invading Poland in 1939.

The description of the ghetto as "Polish" in *New Trail* referred only to its geography. It would be unfortunate if our wording were to obscure the details of the ghetto's creation, and we hope it has not done so.

For readers who are interested, a brief history of the Lodz Ghetto can be found at www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsourc/Holocaust/lodztc.html



Who's on home plate?

Volume 59, number 3 [Autumn 2004] has caught my attention, because I can tell you the name of the umpire in the picture on page 14. He is John Ducey. He umpired all Edmonton home games in 1943. I do not know who is at bat, but the catcher, if this is an inning with Edmonton in the field, is Ken Samis. He owned the Samis Collieries—a coal mine five miles northeast of St. Albert, near Namao village. I attended a number of these games in Renfrew Park. Ken was given a try out at the New York Yankees pre-season camp and was offered a position playing with the Yankees—almost certainly as catcher as he was an excellent catcher.

William (Bill) Turnbull, '52 BSc
Canmore, Alberta
5 December 2004

Distant memories of home

I always enjoy receiving my copy of *New Trail* magazine for that little reminder it brings of my time at the U of A. It has been eight years since my own graduation (where does the time go), yet I still have very fond memories of my experiences and the people I was fortunate enough to meet.

Living in Bermuda, I am also grateful for the magazine's unique Western Canadian feel—a small touch of home in this otherwise remote island. Until my visit back to Alberta this past summer, including a chance to stroll around campus once more, I had been four years removed and feeling a little homesick!

Although the issue generally takes a while to find its way here (I have only just received the Summer 2004 edition), it is still refreshing to get caught up on the latest events and happenings, as well as read the articles about the success of my fellow alumni. As a *Lord of the Rings* buff, I particularly enjoyed the article on Carrie Thiel and her input into the saga.

Keep up the great work!

Greg Carey, '96 BCom
Hamilton, Bermuda
14 October 2004

Correction

In the Winter 2004/05 edition of *New Trail* we ran a class note to recognize the appointment of **Brent Agerbak**, '00 BCom, with CIBC Commercial Banking. We inexcusably misspelled his name, for which we apologize.

We would like to hear your comments about the magazine. Send us your letters via postal mail or e-mail to the address on the previous page. The letters may be edited for length or clarity.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On 18 January 2004, hundreds of people gathered at the Winspear Centre for Music to say goodbye to Her Honour Lois Hole, lieutenant-governor of the province, chancellor emerita, and advocate of literacy, the arts, and education. It was a sombre day, but there were also wonderful, uplifting memories of Lois recounted by family and friends. Those shared memories made me think back on the personal stories that Lois herself told, in books and speeches. Lois's stories reflected her values and beliefs. Those shared stories made me reflect back on my own stories about Lois Hole and her family.

When I first met Lois, it was over lunch at the home she shared with Ted. This was no ordinary lunch—it was the kind of lunch I remember from my grandparents' house, from their homesteading days at Ranfurly, near Vegreville. Lois had prepared the kind of lunch my family had at threshing time, when you'd eat out in the fields during a 12-hour day of hard, physical work. Lois prepared a substantial lunch—one that would sustain you for hours.

At the beginning of the lunch, we had a good, interactive conversation. I was the new president. We had just recently

met and so, that day, we began with a comfortable conversation. But as Lois served the apple pie, the conversation shifted, and we tackled the subject of education. We talked about the role of the University of Alberta and the importance of education in our society. We brainstormed and got deeply into the issues. With Lois and Ted, Jim, Bill, and Valerie, we began to have this vibrant, interactive debate that pulsed with ideas about the quest for knowledge and how it affected a person's life and how, in turn, society was changed, person by person, idea by idea.

As time went on and I got to know the Holes, it became clear to me that the ethos of the Hole family was infused with one ground rule. The ground rule came from Granny Hole—Ted's mother—who had seven sons and two daughters. At the time Granny Hole's nine children were growing up, girls were supposed to play a certain role. After dinner, the girls would do the dishes, while the boys would engage in debate or do their homework. But Granny Hole told the girls—Vera and Mary—that their job, in fact, was to do as well in school, or better, than the boys. And that she, Granny Hole, would do the dishes.



Roderick D. Fraser
President, University of Alberta

There is a lesson in this. The dishes need to be done. Sometimes we all pitch in, and other times it's one person who takes on the supporting role. When someone in the family takes a risky path, and commits, for instance, to getting an education—when that someone takes time away from the immediacy of the farm or the family to invest in attaining knowledge—there is nothing that can compare to having family support. Whether it's doing the dishes or lending money or being the number one cheerleader to boost morale, nothing compares to family support when someone decides to pursue a university degree, or some other uncharted course.

That's the legacy of Granny Hole, and of Lois Hole. Supporting one person at a time to pursue a new path. For Lois, that path was education. Lois Hole's legacy is now ours to carry forward.

U of A to offer long-term tsunami help

The tsunamis that hit shorelines around the Indian Ocean on 26 December 2004 have spawned fundraising efforts around the globe. Now, University of Alberta International (UAI), which provides programs that contribute an international dimension to the University, is planning an initiative to help with long-term reconstruction projects in some of the affected areas.

Terry Mackey, the director of international projects at UAI, is heading up the Tsunami Strategic Initiative (TSI), a plan

to help with reconstruction projects in the next 5 to 10 years.

The initiative will use funds raised through a public appeal to target certain locations and use the University's expertise in key areas. As Mackey explains, "We are going to build this around the priorities of our partners in the region and incorporate the expertise at the U of A. We want to work with partners in the region, in only the areas where we could be most helpful."

This U of A initiative will likely include projects that address needs in the environment, agriculture and food, education, child protection, and strategic management of funds. It will also seek to establish bursaries for grad students who want to study in the area.

For more information on donating funds to this initiative, contact Lenora (Lori) Fawcett, the associate director of international projects at UAI, at (780) 492-2844 or lori.fawcett@ualberta.ca.

Augustana's Vikings in Austria

You wouldn't expect less from Vikings. Augustana Faculty's outstanding program in Nordic sports was the strength behind almost one-quarter of the Canadian athletes at the 2005 Winter Universiade in Innsbruck, Austria, in January.

The Winter Universiade is a 10-day event and the second largest multi-sport competition in the world, with 1,500 student athletes representing 47 countries competing in 11 sports. Canada sent a team of just over 60 athletes, 12 of whom have connections to Augustana, the University's newest faculty.

Two cross-country skiers and eight biathletes on the Canadian team are current Augustana Vikings; the 11th member of the U of A contingent, biathlete Russell Bird, had been a student at Augustana until he transferred to the main U of A campus to study law; and another Canadian biathlete who is now at Oxford University, Rhodes scholar **Marcia Reinhart**, '04 MSc, studied and trained at Augustana.

What's behind Augustana's success in these sports? **Yvonne Becker**, '74 BPE, '81 MA, chair of the physical education department and athletics director at Augustana, muses that it goes back to the founding of the college by Norwegian pioneers in 1910. (The Vikings team name is a nod to that heritage.)

"[Vikings] were innovative and creative," she says. "As well, they spent much time dealing with harsh, outdoor elements. Perhaps Augustana's success in outdoor sports is related to this heritage!"

There could be some truth in that, but Becker really points to the outstanding coaches, the emphasis on teamwork, and the faculty's support of student-athletes through scholarships. Also, one of the key movers in establishing the athletics program at what was then Camrose Lutheran College was instructor Garry Gibson, a skier and outdoor enthusiast who started teaching at the college in 1964 and helped create the strong Nordic sports program.

In Innsbruck, biathlete Brinna Robertson-More was the only Canadian to qualify for all five races, and she anchored the relay team. Her 27th-place finish in the mass start race was the top Canadian individual placing. Cross-country skier Carl Skinstad skied in all four of the men's events and had his best effort in the 10-km freestyle event with a 50th place in a strong field of 105 participants. Marcia Birkigt had her strongest performance in the 15-km classic event skiing against many student-athletes who are regular competitors on the World Cup circuit.

U of A student-athletes who participated in the Winter Universiade

Biathlon

Annik Levesque	Matthew Rance
Ella Mawdsley	Michael McKinney
Jamie Masters	Jytte Apel
Russell Bird	Brinna Robertson-More
Roddy Ward	More

Cross-country skiing

Carl Skinstad	Marcia Birkigt
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Members of the U of A contingent at the Winter Universiade. All the athletes have some connection to Augustana Faculty in Camrose.



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Golden Bears

25-27 February: Canada West Divisional Finals
5-6 March: Canada West Finals
17-20 March: CIS Championships @ Halifax

Pandas

25-26 February: Canada West Finals
11-13 March: CIS Championships
@ U of Winnipeg

HOCKEY

Golden Bears

4-6 March: Canada West Divisional Finals
11-13 March: Canada West Finals
24-28 March: Telus University Cup (CIS Championships) @ U of Alberta

Pandas

25-27 February: Canada West Finals
10-13 March: CIS Championships @ U of McGill

SWIMMING

25-27 February: CIS Championships
@ U of Alberta

TRACK AND FIELD

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10-12 March: CIS Championships
@ U of Manitoba

VOLLEYBALL

Golden Bears

25-26 February: Canada West Finals
4-6 March: CIS Championships @ U of Laval

Pandas

25-26 February: Canada West Finals
3-5 March: CIS Championships
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Edmonton Protocol takes giant leap forward

The ground-breaking Edmonton Protocol treatment for type 1 diabetes was taken to a new level in Japan in January. It is a move that should reduce waiting times for the extraordinary treatment.

On 19 January, at Kyoto University Hospital, Koichi Tanaka and University of Alberta/Capital Health surgeon **James Shapiro**, '01 PhD, along with a team of Japanese surgeons, performed an islet cell transplant using a living donor.

After the team removed part of a 56-year-old woman's pancreas, Shinichi Masumoto, who was previously based in Seattle and had been involved in Shapiro's international trial of the Edmonton Protocol, isolated living islet cells from it at the Kyoto Centre for Cell and Molecular Therapy. Under Shapiro's supervision, the team then transplanted the insulin-producing cells into the pancreas of the woman's 27-year-old diabetic daughter.

It is the first time the procedure has been performed with a living donor, and the results so far are impressive. According to Shapiro, the transplanted islets began producing insulin within minutes.

"The reason I'm so excited about this is because normally the Edmonton Protocol is done with islets from brain-dead organ donors," he says. "Those islets are often severely injured from cold storage and transport time, and the pancreas is severely damaged by toxins which circulate in the bloodstream after brain death. Our expectation is that these islets from near-perfect organs will work better, although it's too early to tell."

Another drawback of the original procedure is the scarcity of available donors, which means patients can end up waiting for years, says Shapiro. The introduction of live donors will shorten those waiting times.

"It will be done in Canada, perhaps within the coming months," Shapiro says, emphasizing that much preparatory work remains to be done first. The University of Alberta Hospital's board of ethics needs to review the proposal, and every measure must be taken to ensure the safety of the donor and recipient, he says, adding that donors need to be at no risk of developing diabetes themselves.



James Shapiro

Shapiro was invited to participate in the operation in Kyoto, where he originally performed living donor liver transplant training with Tanaka. Shapiro first suggested the idea of starting a living donor islet transplant program in Kyoto while lecturing there three years ago. Brain-dead organ donors are scarce in Japan, and living donation has very established roots there in liver and kidney transplantation.

The Edmonton Protocol team first made medical history in May 2000 when it announced successful islet cell transplantations on patients with type 1 diabetes. In virtually every case the procedure frees patients from the need for daily injections of insulin.

—Richard Cairney

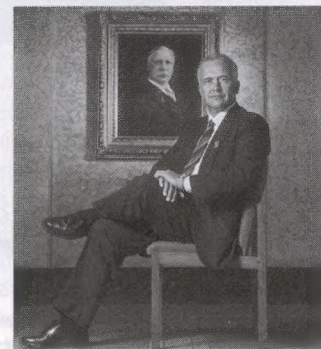
President Fraser named to Order of Canada

University of Alberta President **Rod Fraser**, '61 BA, '63 MA, has been named an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of his contributions to education.

"I am deeply honoured to have been recommended, and now appointed, an Officer of the Order of

Canada," says Fraser. "The momentum over the past 10 years at the University of Alberta has been outstanding, and I am very proud of the accomplishments we have made, and that we will continue to make, in support of the education of our leaders of tomorrow."

The announcement comes in the last few months of Fraser's presidency. Watch for an in-depth interview with the outgoing president in the next issue of *New Trail*, as well as an overview of the University's growth under 10 years of his leadership.



Agriculture students dig up fascinating answers to real-life questions

If your car ran on methane, how far could you travel on the methane from a cow?

As it turns out, you could drive 3.3 km on the methane produced by one cow in one day or 0.5 km on the methane produced by a sheep. Animal science students Fraser Salmon and Derek Sears went even further with their explanation, claiming that 4,400 cars could drive from Edmonton to Houston, Texas, on the methane produced in a year by the 5.2 million cattle and 180,000 sheep in Alberta.

What provoked this bizarre question was agriculture professor Frank Robinson's approach to getting freshmen to do some kind of research in their early undergraduate years.

"I was trying to find a way to get students turned on to learning," Robinson explains. "The best way for them to learn was to find answers on their own and then to teach those answers."

Working in pairs, the 46 students from Robinson's Animal Science 200 class—Salmon and Sears included—presented well-researched, scientific answers to questions about animal agriculture to a crowd of over 300 in the Telus Centre on 25 November. The event name, "There's a Heifer in Your Tank," was inspired by the question Salmon and Sears answered.

Known for his ability to get students to "learn with dirty hands," Robinson recognizes the need to have learning experiences that are unique and memorable.

"I have been teaching for 18 years," Robinson said, "and I have a stronger gut feeling than ever that experiential learning and communication skills will give students the best tools for life after they finish paying tuition."

Robinson described the "Heifer in Your Tank" experience as "learning when you least expect it." The event wove interesting facts into dialogue throughout the evening so the students and the audience took part in learning and teaching.

"The best part was that I think we blurred the boundaries between the students, the University, and industry," says Robinson. "For students to realize in first year that they are a part of a bigger lifelong learning circle is no small feat. We need to get out into the real world more."

—*Cynthia Strawson*

The students in Animal Science 200 will host another evening of "There's a Heifer in Your Tank" presentations on 24 March in the Myer Horowitz Theatre. Admission is free, but you need a ticket to get in. For tickets, contact Frank Robinson at 492-3234 or frank.robinson@ualberta.ca.

Young woman saved by rare surgical procedure at U of A Hospital

A team of doctors at the University of Alberta Hospital performed a living donor lung transplant on 9 November, extending the health of a 21-year-old Edmonton woman whose lungs were irreversibly damaged by cystic fibrosis and who was expected to live less than six months without a transplant.

Jessie McQuitty is the third person in Canada, and the second in Edmonton, to successfully receive a lung transplant from two living donors. Her mother, Joan McQuitty, and maternal aunt, Lynn Lokos, each donated a part of one of their own lungs to Jessie McQuitty for the procedure. Cardiothoracic surgeon John Mullen performed the surgery and led the transplant team through the eight-hour operation. The medical team included **Ken Stewart**, '93 MD, **Azim Valji**, '87 BMS, '89 MD, **Dale Lien**, '76 BMS, '78 MD, and Justin Weinkauff.

Living donor lung transplants are extremely complex and rare. Capital Health is the only region in Canada, and one of only a few centres worldwide, currently performing the procedure.

Capital Health's Regional Transplant Program is located at the University of Alberta Hospitals. It is a leading centre for complex transplantation procedures for patients in northern

and western Canada and performs about 250 transplants annually. Together with the University of Alberta, it has also become an international leader in transplant research.

Since 1986, when the lung transplant program first began, 240 lung transplants have been performed at the University of Alberta Hospitals. There are currently 44 people waiting for lung transplants in Alberta.

Jessie McQuitty is recovering very well from the procedure, and doctors have given her an excellent prognosis. "I'm looking forward to becoming more independent and doing the things I haven't been able to do in a long time, like going back to school, spending time with my friends—even just walking," she said at a press conference in December. "Words can't describe how thankful I am for what my mom and aunt did for me."

Joan and Lynn have been discharged from hospital and are also recovering well. They will each retain about 80 per cent of their normal lung capacity.



Lynn Lokos, John Mullen, Joan McQuitty, Jessie McQuitty

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Buy-a-Seat Program Drives Foote Field Expansion

How do you keep a major sports facility on top of its game? The Golden Bears Football Alumni Association hopes it has found the answer in its Foote Field Buy-a-Seat program, which aims to raise \$1.5 million to bankroll upgrades and expansions to the three-year-old multi-sport complex.

It's an aggressive target, says **Rick Henschel**, '81 BSc(Ag), one of the directors of the Golden Bears Football Alumni Association (GBFAA). "We want to achieve our target within 16 months, so we can go ahead with the seats and the capital expansion—and have enough money to fund some endowments for Foote Field and the players."

Henschel says he's passionate about the fundraiser because the U of A football program underpinned his success at university and in life. "The program supported me in a number of ways: I developed lifelong friends and memories," he says. "My success in football and in my education went hand in hand."

GBFAA president **Tom Richards**, '88 BA, couldn't agree more. "When you look back at the events and periods in your life that really meant something to you, my university experience was one of those defining moments in shaping the individual I have become today," says the former Edmonton Eskimo. "I want to ensure that future generations of Golden Bear football players are able to gain a similar experience."

Bob Kinasewich, '70 LLB, the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation's director of development and alumni affairs, says there's good reason to invest in this prime facility. "The University of Alberta has the finest athletic program out of all the Canadian universities. Eldon Foote envisioned both the need for and benefit of providing a first-class facility to enable a top-ranked athletic program to continue—and to allow high-achieving student-athletes to develop and excel in their athletic endeavours. We now need to build on that legacy by providing funds to upgrade, to expand, and to ensure future maintenance and operations at Foote Field continue."



As the name implies, donations to the ambitious Buy-a-Seat fundraiser will allow the installation of new stadium seating in the main football stands seating area—\$1,000 buys a new seat with a plaque inscription of the donor's choice—but the funds will also provide new and expanded coaches' meeting, video review, and training rooms, as well as administrative offices to house the Canadian Athletic Coaching Centre (the legacy of the 2001 World Championships in Athletics). In addition, an expanded indoor viewing area and hosting facilities are being planned.

Richards says the initial response has been good, and football alumni have been incredibly supportive—"There's money in the bank already!"

This fundraiser is a long-term initiative; and Henschel says the GBFAA is optimistic. "Ten years ago, our alumni association was just a couple of guys with a few ideas. We're now to the point where we're taking in \$20,000 to \$30,000 in scholarships for the football program. We have momentum and we're using that to go to the next step.

"When you look at Penn State or Ohio State, where the football program generates upwards of \$100 million dollars U.S. per year, I say, here's where we are, there's the target. Maybe we're a hundred years away from doing that, but if we don't start today, we'll never get there."

Alumna shares passion for sport through World Masters Games



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As a lifelong advocate of sport and fitness, Susan Bulmer, '74 BA, '75 LLB, doesn't just talk the talk, she walks the walk—five kilometres a day, in fact. Along with alternate days of weight training, weekly golf games in season, and an annual extended family vacation with activity at its centre, it's just her way of adding the vital element of physical activity to her life.



"I've always had a passion for sport," explains

Bulmer. That interest and her track record of success in sports administration makes Bulmer a perfect fit for helping with the upcoming World Masters Games (WMG), which has as its motto "Passion qualifies you."

Bulmer was part of the steering committee that brought the games to Edmonton, and she was asked early on to volunteer as chair of the sport and venue committee. Bulmer is motivated by a wish to help other people reach their potential. "My love and joy is being participatory in things that enable other people to enjoy themselves in activity."

The WMG, to be held in Edmonton from 22 July to 31 July 2005, will see about 16,000 athletes from around the world enjoying themselves in 27 sports. Though she's never been to a WMG before, Bulmer has seen masters competitors in diving and synchronized skating, and she knows that along with strong athletic performances she will see a lot of smiles and feelings of accomplishment. The athletes at the games, she says, prove that "sports activity never stops. As long as you want it, you can do it."

Bulmer's background in performing and teaching classical ballet was just the beginning of an active lifestyle, and having a family certainly didn't slow her down. "I always kept active, skiing, even playing racquetball until I was eight months pregnant."

She has also encouraged her children to be involved in sport, and she has enjoyed every minute of it, including the places she's gone following her daughters' involvement in competitive diving. "I got back into it when I got my children involved. The fire starts in their belly, they see the dream and you're along for the ride. It's quite a ride." What she's passed on to her children is a belief that the life skills you take from sport, combined with your education, make you a complete person.

Bulmer had practised law for over 20 years when she took a job as executive director of the Canadian Diving Association's Alberta section. Taking such a risk and grabbing an opportunity were abilities she learned from sport. "Sport teaches you how to take risks day in and day out. Life is risky, and you only get one kick at the cat. I'd rather take advantage of every opportunity and say, 'What a ride,' instead of sitting on the sidelines."

Sports also taught Bulmer what she calls an "I will until..." attitude, which has helped her stick with all kinds of tasks. Bulmer, who now works as executive director of Skate Canada for the Alberta-NWT/Nunavut region, focuses on one volunteer commitment at a time. That energy is now going to the upcoming WMG, but in the past she has volunteered as a board member of the Alberta Sport Plan Task Force, helping to develop a plan for sports in Alberta, a board member of Sport Alberta, and both chair and a board member of the Edmonton Sport Council.

Bulmer is looking forward to the excitement surrounding the WMG and the opportunity to meet interesting people and see the athletes have a wonderful time. Much of her work has already been done, as she and the other members of the sport and venue committee have provided advice to the sport and venue director about all WMG venues, including those at the U of A—Foote Field, the Van Vliet Centre, the Education Gymnasium, and the Saville Sports Centre. The committee also developed a plan for organizing the volunteers, officials, medal policy and presentations, and so on. Calling the volunteers for the WMG just some of the "wonderful, goal-oriented, positive people" she's met through sports, Bulmer is looking forward to being part of a team that helps slightly older athletes enjoy their passion for sport.



Orienteering will be one of the many sports happening during the World Masters Games.



bear country

A Room for the Ages

The ordinary office door to the W. G. Hardy Museum of Ancient Near Eastern and Classical Antiquities in the Tory Building gives little indication of the wonderful treasures inside. The artifacts within, culled from centuries of history, “bring the accomplishments of the ancient world to life,” says **Jeremy Rossiter**, ’77 MA, ’86 PhD, associate professor of history and classics and curator of what is usually referred to as the Classics Museum.

The objects in the museum range from simple household vessels, such as jars, pots, and lamps, to more elaborate statues, jewellery, and figurines. As you wander around the room you walk through history, discovering artifacts from 2500 BC to AD 500, from Ancient Egypt to Mesopotamia to Syria. Two cabinets hold treasures from each of the Greek and Roman times.

William Hardy, the first chair of the former Department of Classics, began acquiring and exhibiting antiquities soon after he started working at the University in 1920. Over the decades he increased the size and scope of the collection, motivated by his belief in the educational value of antiquities.

One of the main purposes of the museum, says Rossiter, is to support teaching on ancient cultures. The museum was established as a permanent exhibition in the 1970s. Long housed in the Humanities Centre, the collection moved to the Tory Building in 2000 after the Classics department merged with History.

The pieces, says Rossiter, “are not the pieces of fine art you’d see in the British Museum in London or in Athens, but they are representative pieces; they have great intrinsic value in illustrating the technology and art of the times.”

One beautiful yet simple item is a yellow glass vase from the Roman Empire. In its colour and clarity it stands out from many of the items that come in the display cabinets before it, clearly showing that one of the achievements of the Roman world was the production of good quality glass. The largest piece, and one of the most valuable, is a Greek red-figure bell krater, a bowl that would have been used for mixing wine at the dinner table or symposium. Besides being nice to look at, such pieces illustrate history by showing the kinds of tools and materials ancient people used in daily life.

Anita Parker, ’98 BSc, ’00 BEd, education program assistant with the Department of Museums and Collections Services, takes grade six students to the museum as part of the Muse Program, which offers a 2½-hour tour on Ancient Greece. In the words of one of her tour participants, “It was neat to actually see things that were made by humans that used to be alive thousands of years ago.”

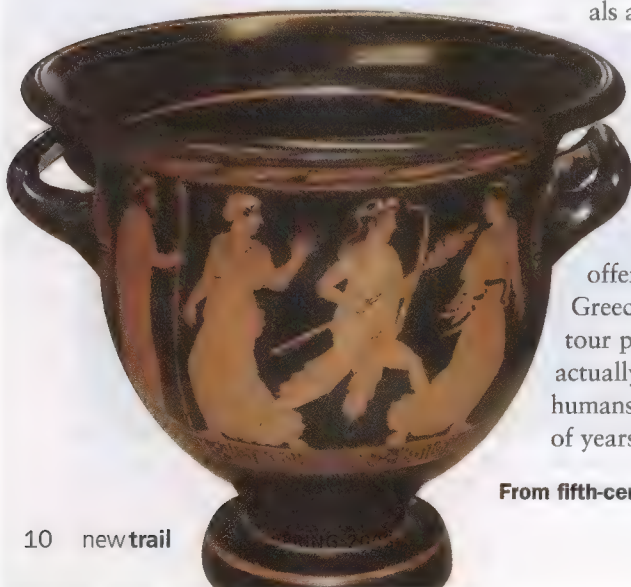
Parker explains that the students come to realize that there is a reason to have a museum on campus, and that the objects are used for research. “The students become researchers. They get a sense that ‘I could do something like this, work at a dig site and find objects.’”

Rossiter agrees that there is value in engaging the interests of students young and old. “The museum is here to provide a window on the research we do. There is always scope for more research if students get enthused by museum items.”

There are three sources for acquiring more items. Purchasing is one. “Antiquities are becoming increasingly expensive, but 40 to 50 years ago they were more affordable,” explains Rossiter. Another source is donation. “Every so often you get that surprising phone call from someone saying ‘I found something in my attic; are you interested?’” Finally, archaeologists on faculty working in the field sometimes bring items back temporarily for research.

The collection hasn’t been added to lately except for items on loan. Rossiter for one would like to launch a fundraising appeal to tie in with the centenary of the University—supporting the work of a department that has been at the University since its beginning.

The Classics Museum, in room 2-28 in the Tory Building, is open to the public Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tours and visitations can be arranged by contacting the main office at 492-3270 or e-mailing jeremy.rossiter@ualberta.ca. Check www.museums.ualberta.ca for more information. To book a school program, call 492-5834.



From fifth-century BC Athens, a red-figure bell krater (left) and a pottery cup (above.)

Food Bank faces challenges

The people who work at the Campus Food Bank (CFB) believe that university is a place where we should hunger for knowledge, not food. Unfortunately, since it was established in 1993, the CFB has seen its number of clients increase dramatically. In its first year it distributed enough food to feed 250 people; in 2004 that number was over 2,200, one-third of whom were children.

Now the CFB is facing two main challenges: raising enough resources to meet the growing need and finding a new location. The current space in the basement of SUB is simply too small, and without a sink, it doesn't meet Capital Health's requirements for a location where bulk food can be repackaged.

The CFB wasn't intended to be a permanent part of campus. The first food bank on campus appeared in 1991 as a demonstration to protest tuition increases. But the need was real, and in 1993 the Graduate Students' Association and the Students' Union teamed up to open the Campus Food Bank, which is independent from the Edmonton Food Bank.

Though the majority of the clients are students, the CFB serves the University community at large. Manager David Feldman, a fourth-year math student, says the door is always open to anyone in the campus community who needs assistance, including staff and alumni.



Feldman started volunteering with the CFB in 2002. He now oversees a group of 100 student volunteers who work anywhere from one to about 10 hours a week to keep the organization running—

accepting donations, packing hamper, and interviewing clients.

The campus community has been wonderful in its support of the CFB, says Feldman. "We get a lot of support from the community around us, and any help we could get would be appreciated." An upcoming initiative, "Fines for Food," will see the U of A libraries donate the money from all library fines paid between 27 February and 5 March 2005.

The food bank accepts donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, or money at its office in O-40J in SUB. Items donated go directly to help those in need. For further information, contact the CFB at 492-8677 or foodbank@su.ualberta.ca.

Golden Bears' Friesen Named CIS Coach of the Year

University of Alberta Golden Bears football head coach Jerry Friesen was named the winner of the Frank Tindall Trophy as Canadian Interuniversity



Sport (CIS) Coach of the Year on 26 November in Hamilton, Ontario.

Friesen has completely changed the fate of the Bears' program in just four years, turning a team that had underachieved for two decades into a Western Conference power.

After going 4-4-0 in 2003 and grabbing their first playoff win since 1981, the Bears followed with a 7-1-0 record in 2004, claiming first place in the Canada West conference with two victories over perennial conference power Saskatchewan, and a two-point loss to Calgary during the regular season.

In the Canada West playoffs, the team avenged that loss to Calgary with a convincing 39-13 victory in the first playoff home game the Bears have hosted since 1984. Unfortunately the Bears lost the Hardy Trophy to Saskatchewan in a close 21-20 defeat.

Friesen has done an exceptional job recruiting, and the Bears have served notice that they are now a legitimate Vanier Cup contender.

"This award is not a reflection upon me, but rather one that illustrates the commitment of my players and our coaching staff to improving our program," said Friesen.

—Bob Stauffer



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landmarks

■ Patricia Demers, professor of English, was elected president of the Royal Society of Canada, the national academy dedicated to the promotion of learning and research in the humanities and sciences. The society was founded in 1882 and elects to its membership distinguished scholars. Demers, who will assume her duties in November 2005, is the first woman to be elected president.

■ **Loretta Amerongen**, '83 BCom, '96 PhD, a professor in the U of A's School of Business, received the Kouri Berezan Heinrichs Outstanding Facilitator Award from the CA School of Business (CASB), which oversees the education of CA students in western Canada. She was nominated for the award by CASB students.



■ U of A researcher and Capital Health emergency medicine physician Brian Rowe was recently awarded the Researcher of the Year Award by the Capital Region Medical Staff Association. The award recognizes physicians whose research has significantly affected clinical practice in their area.

■ The Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP), funded by the provincial government, has created 10 bursaries to cover the tuition costs of medical students in return for a five-year commitment to practise in rural Alberta. The bursaries will be available for the 2005–06 academic year.

■ James Shapiro, director of the Clinical Islet Transplant Program at the U of A, has been awarded the first Paul Lacy Medal for outstanding scientific achievement. The award is presented by the National Disease Research Interchange's National Resource Centre.

■ In December the Edmonton Eskimo Football Club donated \$100,000 to the U of A Golden Bears, one of four \$100,000 donations it made to amateur football organizations in Alberta.

■ A U of A employee set a record for the highest climb made by an organ recipient when he reached the summit of the Sajama volcano in Bolivia in early December. Dave Smith, parts man for the U of A's vehicle pool, received a new kidney from his older brother in 1997 and has since marked his life with one athletic milestone after another.

The trip to Bolivia was sponsored by pharmaceutical company Merck Frosst. In addition to Smith and a heart transplant patient from Montreal, Sylvain Bédard, the climbing team included three cardiologists, three cameramen, one photographer, guides and a Merck Frosst rep.

■ A team of researchers at the U of A has been awarded \$500,000 over three years from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to study the best strate-

gies for changing people's diets and patterns of physical activity in an effort to tackle type 2 diabetes. The team is led by Ron Plotnikoff, a professor from the Centre for Health Promotion Studies and the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, and includes Nicholas Birkett, Kerry Courneya, Jeffrey Johnson, David Lau, Kim Raine, and Ronald Sigal.

■ The Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Science established a \$13-million Alberta Centre for Surface Engineering and Science (ACSES) to better understand the first layer of molecules on materials as diverse as microelectronics, medical implants, pharmaceuticals, and oil sands. The centre, which officially opened 1 February, is one of the best of its kind in North America. Temporarily housed in the Chemical and Materials Engineering Building, it

will move next fall to the new Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Sciences.

■ *The Social Circulation of the Past: English Historical Culture 1500–1730*, a book by Faculty of Arts dean and history professor Daniel Woolf, received the John Ben Snow Foundation Prize for the best book by a North American scholar in any field of British Studies focusing on the period between the Middle Ages and the 18th century. The prize is awarded by the North American Conference on British Studies.

In Memoriam

The University notes with sadness the passing of the following member of our academic community:

Donald Clandinin, professor emeritus (AFNS) and '85 honorary degree

Former Faculté dean leads external relations

Claudette Tardif, '68 BEd, '78 MEd, '84 PhD, former dean of Faculté Saint-Jean, is the U of A's new acting vice-president for external relations.

Tardif, who took over the position from outgoing VP **Susan Green**, '74 BA(RecAdmin), signed on for an 18-month term effective January 2005. Her new responsibilities include spearheading the University's most ambitious fundraising campaign as well as overseeing alumni affairs, advancement, communications, marketing, and development.

Tardif sees her new position as "an opportunity to use the skills that I'd used previously as dean—combining an understanding of the University with fundraising, public relations, and administrative experience."



A native of Alberta, Tardif joined the University as a sessional lecturer in 1977. She has been active in the French-language edu-

cation community, both locally and nationally, and has sat on numerous boards and committees.

In 2003 she received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal from the Province of Alberta and was also awarded the Prix Maurice-Lavallée from the Association Canadienne Française de l'Alberta.

As dean of Faculté Saint-Jean, Tardif helped to establish the first joint bilingual business and nursing degree programs in Canada and Western Canada respectively. During her tenure Faculté Saint-Jean created a

Canadian studies centre and an institute for the study of Western Canada's francophone heritage. It also constructed a \$7.5 million, 100-student residence and an academic community centre.

Tardif says she is looking forward to working with people and building ties towards common goals. Above all she wants to make sure everything external relations does advances the University's mission.

Tardif also believes the timing is right for Alberta universities to win more support from the provincial government. "It's a good time to drive home the fact that universities are an important investment in the future." Alberta, she says, is "debt free and they want to leave a legacy—there's a huge opportunity there."

—Geoff McMaster

CELEBRATE ONE CENTURY...

Prof's gift ensures bright future for Faculty of Science

Many threads run through the 87 years that **Stuart Davis**, '39 BSc, '40 MSc, has lived so far, and one of the strongest is tied firmly in the bricks, mortar, and soul of the University of Alberta.

The commitment and dedication of this professor emeritus, who taught in the chemistry department with distinction for 40 years, remain as vibrant and true as ever. Davis continues to provide instrumental financial support to the University, most recently in the form of a \$500,000 donation to the Faculty of Science.

"You could say that my life's work, a good part of my own heart and soul, is embodied in the walls and the grounds of this great place, and hopefully in the advanced minds and good deeds of the thousands of students I've met and taught over the years," he says. "There's a definite connection. It's still going strong for me. And if I can contribute now by helping to make learning as rewarding an experience for today's students as it was for me and mine, I'm proud to do it."

Davis's gift is earmarked for the new Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS), a state-of-the-art facility that will house the Faculty of Science's general office, the Department of Physics, five interdisciplinary research groups (nanostructures and new materials among them), and laboratory and lecture space for researchers and students. Once complete, it will enable greater cooperation among research groups and provide space for 1,540 more undergraduate students, 478 more graduate students, and 57 additional faculty members.

The Faculty of Science has risen to a position of prominence in Canada in

recent years, and demand for a science degree from the U of A is higher than for any other degree in the province. The resulting growth in student numbers has stretched the University's science facilities beyond their capacity—there is simply not enough space to accommodate more science students, nor is there room for the faculty needed to teach them.

The CCIS will provide 30,165 square metres of additional space that is critical for the new focus on interdisciplinary science. Discoveries are happening at the interface between disciplines and as a result, new teams of scientists are pooling knowledge and resources to think outside the silos of traditional science. Drawn from across the Faculty's seven departments, five interdisciplinary groups will move into the CCIS: Integrated Landscape Management, Nanostructures and New Materials, Resource Geosciences, Chemical Biology and Proteomics, and Planetary Dynamics. The fusion of disciplines will inject fresh perspectives into research and teaching.

The situation is reminiscent of the mid-1960s, in the lead-up to the construction of the Biological Sciences Building. Perhaps the most complicated building to be planned and constructed during that decade, it was designed to accommodate the departments of botany, zoology, entomology, genetics, microbiology, and psychology and to incorporate the most up-to-date facilities available. The provincial Department of Public Works, which prepared the drawings for the building, estimated the total cost at \$18.5 million.

In his history of the University of Alberta, former University President **Walter H. Johns**, '70 LLD (Honorary),

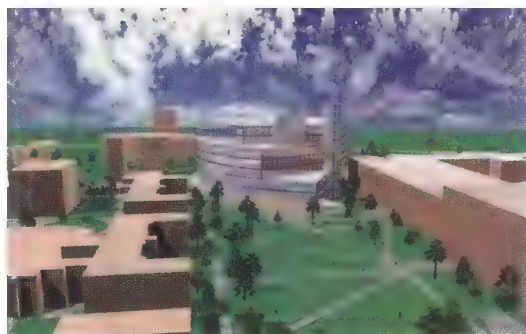
notes that the plans were five or six years in the making, and by the time the construction tenders were called, the lowest bid came in at \$24 million. Premier **Ernest Manning**, '48 LLD (Honorary), who had just returned from a meeting of provincial premiers, reported that other provinces were "blaming Alberta for setting such high standards in the amounts spent on higher education." The public works minister told the University it would have to reduce the plans to keep the building within the original budget.

The University administration decided their need was too great to comply without a fight, and they presented their case to the provincial government. In a letter from the Board of Governors to the premier, the University detailed its extreme need for the new space and facilities the Biological Sciences Building would provide, especially when the University faced a population growth rate of approximately 1,000 students a year.

"In some facilities, particularly in laboratories and offices, the University is essentially at the limit of its capacity today. We have adopted a 'mirror-image' form of time-table, a device which has made possible the use of rooms and laboratories from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., have rented 20,000 sq. ft. of office space off campus, have built 20,000 sq. ft. of temporary laboratory space on campus, and are using a great deal of substandard space in the form of Garneau houses,



Built in 1969, the Biological Sciences Building was the last building at the U of A whose design and construction was supervised by the Alberta Department of Public Works, which built every building on campus until that point. The six wings of this building presently house the offices of the Faculty of Science, as well as the departments of Biological Sciences and Psychology.



After the completion of Phase 2 (**left**), the Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science will anchor the north end of Quad. It will include the development of a University/Alumni Plaza and the recovery of green space. Stuart Davis (**seated, below**) is the largest donor to CCIS to date. He is seen here with science dean Gregory Taylor and a model of the planned Davis Plaza green space. CCIS Phase 1 construction began in the spring of 2004, and it should be completed in August 2005. It will be a two-storey sub-surface facility nestled in the courtyard of the Biological Sciences Building and extending towards the Physics Building.

basements, old buildings, and so on. With all this, some laboratory courses must be given by demonstration only, and a number of laboratories are held at night."

The University's case was persuasive, and although the provincial government required the construction to be completed in three stages (which later became four), it raised the cost limit to \$20.5 million. Work began in 1967 and the fourth phase, involving the fourth contractor, was completed in 1972, for a total cost of just over \$22 million.

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Stuart Davis can often be spotted pedalling his bicycle across campus, making his way from his Windsor Park home to the office he still holds in the Gunning/Lemieux Chemistry Centre, which he helped design. Often referred to as Edmonton's patron saint of music, he is best known for his \$2 million gift to help the Winspear Centre for Music purchase its organ and a \$100,000 gift to the Edmonton Opera.

Dean of Science Gregory Taylor is enthusiastic about Stuart's support. "As an alumnus, professor emeritus, and ongoing supporter, Stuart is a true friend of the faculty. This is truly a generous gesture, yet another example of his genuine interest in the people of Edmonton and his desire to make their lives better."

An outdoor square covering the underground structure will be named Davis Plaza in the donor's honour. It will include benches and green space between the two new buildings overlooking the North Saskatchewan River.

"We thought it appropriate that we should recognize this people person with



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something that will be enjoyed by the public," says Taylor.

"It's a privilege," Davis says, referring not just to the tribute he's receiving in having a plaza at the Centennial Centre named in his honour, but to the opportunity he's

been given to be a part of something even bigger and better. "To think that we can all come together like this to keep building on such a special part of our history and future. It's absolutely inspiring."

—Jorry Johnston & Roland Lines



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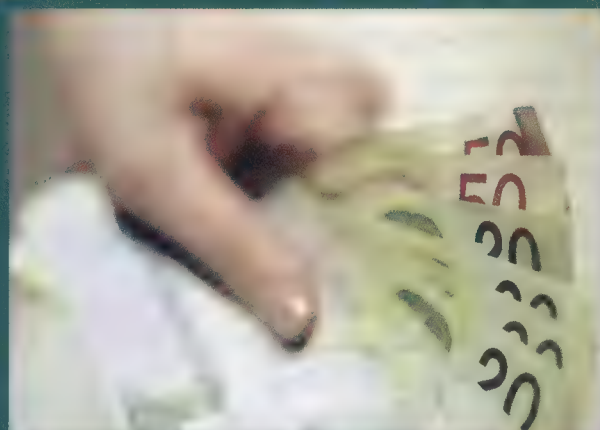
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University mourns passing of “Alberta’s Rose”

Farmer, businessperson, school trustee, chancellor, and lieutenant-governor, Lois Hole is remembered for a lifetime of good works

“I dream of the day when professors, teachers, librarians, and teacher/librarians are paid as much as hockey players.”

When the late Honourable Lois Hole, '00 LLD (Honorary), lieutenant-governor of Alberta, delivered that unscripted declaration during the University of Alberta's Celebration of Teaching and Learning last September, she received a loud round of applause.

The beloved chancellor emerita, affectionately called “Alberta’s Rose” by President Rod Fraser, '61 BA, '63 MA, always spoke from the heart in a language everyone understood. She was

one of the most popular ambassadors the University ever had, and the campus community joined the province and the country in mourning her death on 6 January 2005.

“Lois Hole’s warmth, generosity and dedication to the people of this province touched many lives. She was a great friend of



the U of A, a great champion of lifelong learning, a great humanitarian, and a great Canadian,” says Fraser. “She was loved by all who knew her and will be deeply missed.”

Hole was a tireless supporter of the arts, libraries, and education, and she contributed to them through a number of programs. Her special relationship with the

University of Alberta deepened when the University Senate elected her as the 16th chancellor of the University of Alberta, a position she took on with enthusiasm in June 1998.

She is perhaps best remembered by many in the University community for her famous hugs, which became part of tradition at convocations, annual general meetings, and any other public ceremony. During the University’s fall convocation ceremony in November 2000, at which she was given an honorary degree, Fraser praised her for the strength, charm, and genuine love for students that “blanketed our campus in warmth during your memorable term as chancellor.”



Richard Siemens/U of A Creative Services

Lois Hole and Chancellor Eric Newell at the Chancellor's Dinner, June 2004

Honour Deferred

The University of Alberta Senate originally selected Lois Hole to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1998, but she learned a separate committee had also short-listed her for the job of chancellor. Hole chose to defer the honour until after the chancellor decision had been made, because she thought accepting the degree beforehand might give her an unfair advantage over the other short-listed candidates.

Of course, Hole did become chancellor, serving until the federal gov-



Lois Hole in her honorary degree regalia

ernment appointed her lieutenant-governor in February 2000. When she eventually did receive an honorary degree from the University of Alberta, it was for three reasons: the Senate's original 1998 decision had been based on her service to the community, but it also has a policy to offer an honorary degree to the incumbent lieutenant-governor early in their term, and to the chancellor upon retirement.



Bidding farewell to the University at her last convocation as chancellor, June 2000.

"She was just a wonderful person, and definitely inspirational. She was a tremendous advocate for public education and the arts, and had a very special place in her heart for the University of Alberta. One of the outstanding things about Lois was that she was very inclusive. When she went into a room everyone was drawn towards her. She was genuinely loved by all, and loved people."

—Chancellor Eric Newell

Chancellor Eric Newell, '02 LLD (Honorary), recalls that when he was chair of the Board of Governors and Hole was chancellor, "the two of us had our roles down—I did the introducing and she did the hugging."

Newell continues, however, that the real legacy of Lois Hole for the University of Alberta is that she was such a great public champion of public education. "People listened to her, and I think she changed a lot of lives. You just had to be near her and see how many students came up to her to say what a difference she made. She put a very human face on this university."

"I remember at one of our AGMs, the public affairs group really tried to discipline us to stay right on time, with everything carefully scripted," recalls Newell. "But then Lois gets up to the podium and starts from her script. All of a sudden you see the glasses come down, the paper pushed over to the side, and she starts a story

about what she and Ted discussed at dinner last night. Nobody noticed or complained—they were mesmerized and loved the way she told things in her own folksy and humorous way. But it was always very pointed with a very clear message."

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Hole was born in Buchanan, Saskatchewan, and moved to Edmonton in her teens, where she attended Strathcona Composite High School. More than 50 years ago, she and her late husband Ted, '52 BSc(Ag), bought a mixed farm on the Sturgeon River north of St. Albert, which they eventually diversified into a vegetable and mixed garden business. In 1979, their sons, Bill, '77 BSc(Ag), and Jim, '79 BSc(Ag), joined the business full-time, and the farm was incorporated as Hole's Greenhouses and Gardens, Ltd. It is now one of the largest retail greenhouse operations in Western Canada.

Awards and Honours

- Member of the Order of Canada (1999)
- Chancellor of the Alberta Order of Excellence (2000)
- Gandhi, King, Ikeda Humanitarian Award (2003)
- Dame of Justice, Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem
- Honorary Patricia, First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
- Honorary Degrees from Athabasca University (1985), the University of Alberta (2000), Olds College (2003), and the University of Lethbridge (2004)



Presenting Wayne Gretzky with his honorary degree, June 2000.

Throughout her life, Lois Hole focussed on the issues that were most important to her. Chief among them were public education, libraries, health care, the fine arts, and issues of social justice. She gave support and legitimacy to the groups that needed it most and to the people who often went unheard.

In 1967, Hole began her formal support of lifelong education when she was elected as a trustee for the Sturgeon School Division. She eventually served for 14 years on the division as trustee and chair before serving an even longer tenure, from 1981 to 1998, as a trustee for St. Albert School District #6. During that time, she was also a member of the Athabasca University governing council from 1972 to 1983. Her time as chancellor of the University of Alberta was cut short halfway through what was to have been a standard four-year term when she was installed as Alberta's 15th lieutenant-governor in February 2000.

Throughout this time, she also authored six books on gardening, all of them Canadian bestsellers, as well as a collection of memoirs, photographs, and gardening advice entitled *I'll Never Marry a Farmer*. She gave hundreds of talks on gardening to thousands of people across North America, she wrote columns for the *Edmonton Journal*, *Globe and Mail*, and *Edmonton Sun*, and she appeared regularly on the "Grapevine" segment of CBC Television's Canadian Gardener.

Among her other public roles, Hole served as a director of the Farm Credit Corporation and as Honorary Chair for the 27th Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice and for the Children's Millennium Fund. She also served as a board member of the Canadian Heritage Garden Foundation, the Child and Adolescent Services Association, and the Quality of Life Commission.

Hole was recognized for her ongoing contributions to libraries, educa-

"The heart and soul of Alberta doesn't lie in the rich farmland, the majestic Rockies, the precious oil-fields or bustling cities. As wondrous and important as those features may be, that heart resides in our people."

—Lois Hole

Lois Hole

A Family Affair

Lois Hole is not the only member of her family to have close ties to the University of Alberta: her husband, Ted, who died in 2003, and her two sons, Bill and Jim, all received Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degrees from the U of A.

Ted served on Alumni Council from 1988 to 1992, much of that time as the representative for the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics. The Holes were tireless fundraisers for the University. They were co-chairs of the 1992 Annual Fund Campaign, and the family set up the Hole's Greenhouses and Gardens Leadership Award in 2000 for students entering the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics.

In 2001, Jim followed in his father's footsteps, joining Alumni Council as his faculty's representative. Jim is now one of Alumni Council's representatives on the University of Alberta Senate, and he has been extensively involved in the creation of Alumni Walk in Quad.



Ted and Lois Hole

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—President Rod Fraser

tion, and the arts by the establishment of the Lois Hole Library Legacy Program (2002), the Alberta School Boards Association "Lois Hole Lecture Series" (2003), the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Program (2004), and a new library in Edmonton's west end to be named for her (2004). Her support for a robust public health care system was recog-



Jim and Lois Hole, along with President Rod Fraser, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Alumni Walk, 1 October 2004.

nized when the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton named their major new expansion the Lois Hole Women's Hospital (2004).

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Tears, laughter, and music attended the occasion as University of Alberta staff and students joined people across the city and the province on 18 January in celebrating the life and legacy of Lois Hole.

The memorial service took place at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music in the city's downtown core and was simulcast on television and radio. The SUB stage area in the Students' Union Building filled with faculty, staff, and students who wanted to take part in honouring the beloved public figure. Many in attendance lined up to sign the handmade book of condolences the U of A compiled to present to the Hole family.

The proceedings touched on the many facets of Hole's life that



Steve Lillebuen

Addressing alumni at the Reunion 2004 gala dinner.

endeared her to the public: her public service to Alberta, her success as a businessperson, her insatiable hunger for learning and her love of the arts, as well as her personal warmth and generosity of spirit.

"Lois, as we all knew her, was a person of singular grace, compassion, and goodwill," said Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan. "She was an advocate and a patron of many worthy causes, and Albertans young and old will benefit from her vision for years to come."

"We remember her smile, her gentleness, and her compassion, her ability to see the good in all people," said Alberta Premier Ralph Klein. "She truly embodied all that is good about this province."

Many speakers noted the trademark hugs that Hole was famous for bestowing, but her son, Jim, reminded the audience that she was a passionate public servant committed to improving the quality of life for the people of

Alberta through advocacy for improved public education and public healthcare.

"Mom often said ... that the strength of a civilization is built upon the depth and breadth of its educational and literary institutions," he said. "Mom devoted her life to spreading the message that education is vital. Vital not only to solving practical problems, but vital in producing an ethical, compassionate society. Mom's only regret in life was that she didn't have more time to spread that message. Now it's up to all of us to make sure that her message isn't forgotten."

"She was a woman with a terrific heart," agrees Jim Edwards, '62 BA, chair of the Board of Governors. But, says Edwards, "it wasn't all hugs. The other part of her legacy is her fearless messages on the imperatives of an educated, humane society. There were those who cringed, saying vice-regal representatives aren't supposed to do that, but it didn't matter to her. She continued on, and good for her."

"I have faith in a better future, because I have faith that most human beings want to do the right thing. If we can put aside differences in ideology, if we can learn to love one another, then one day we will enjoy a world where no one need live in fear, where no one need go hungry, where everyone can enjoy a good education, the fellowship of friendly neighbours, and the security of a world at peace with itself at long last."

—Lois Hole

Insuring a better

Educational Psychology Chair Will Help Academics

by Lois Hammond

Bruce Monkhouse, '78 BA, '83 MA, '85 PhD, sits across from "John Doe" in William Head Institution, a minimum security prison near Victoria, British Columbia. Years ago, John committed a violent murder that made headlines across the country, but he's no longer the man he was then. Monkhouse is helping John explore how his attitudes and beliefs have changed, and how that will control his behaviour. John is learning he is not the crime he committed. He can get on with his life, despite his past. With help, John will become one of the thousands of rehabilitated ex-criminals who live a productive life.

It's a common scene for Monkhouse, a forensic psychologist who counsels prisoners on the inside and on the outside after they're parolled. Monkhouse learned the treatment he uses—Behavioural Cognitive Therapy—at the University of Alberta while earning his doctorate in the Department of Educational Psychology. At the time, it was a new treatment, championed by the department head, **Harvey Zingle**, '56 BEd, '60 MEd, '65 PhD.

"**John Patterson**, '63 BPE, '67 Dip (Ed), '68 MEd, **Jim Vargo**, '68 BA, '70 MEd, '72 PhD, and **Henry Janzen** were excellent mentors," recalls Monkhouse. "John had a private practice in the Edmonton General Hospital and a number of us interned there. The staff was very supportive. Sometimes we'd just sit around and talk about psychology and counselling. They made it personal, friendly, and collegial, and that sticks with me to this day. When I teach, I try to create

the same collegial manner and environment of respect."

"I think those of us who are doing well have a responsibility to help the next generation have the kinds of opportunities I had," says Monkhouse. That's why he has generously donated a \$1-million life insurance policy to fund a Chair in Educational Psychology. Monkhouse will fund the policy with annual premiums for 15 years—the resulting charitable tax receipt he receives for each of the premiums paid will provide him with a tax credit that he may use to reduce any taxes that are otherwise due. By working with the University of Alberta Gift Planning Unit and his financial advisor, Monkhouse has established a charitable plan that meets his philanthropic goal. "I am very much in favour of giving back to the University because we're going to be able to educate more

professionals who've got access to quality teachers and research.

"Counselling professionals can make a difference," he says. "Clients and teachers I've had come back and talk about the impact we've had. That's very energizing."

Monkhouse's first clients were troubled teenagers in Edmonton group homes. He has never forgotten their puzzling, tragic contradictions. Thirteen year olds were sophisticated prostitutes, yet naïve children who couldn't even name their body parts. He learned early that, though a few clients were intractable, most could be healed. He shared those lessons with his students at Grant MacEwan College.

Perhaps the most inspiring stories come from the prisoners who turn their life around, something about which Monkhouse thinks the public is largely ignorant.

How the Monkhouse Gift Works

In 2004, Bruce Monkhouse purchased a life insurance policy, making the University of Alberta the owner and beneficiary. He will pay annual premiums for 15 years.

Each year, he will receive a charitable tax receipt for any premium paid into the policy.

Upon his death, the insurance policy is payable to the University.

The proceeds will be used to endow a Chair in Educational Psychology.

Examples of monthly costs for a \$100,000 Joint Last to Die policy:

Both Age 40	\$60.
Both Age 50	\$100.
Both Age 60	\$165.

Other Life Insurance Options

There are a number of additional opportunities in the use of life insurance as a giving vehicle.

Options include:

Naming the University as the beneficiary only of a life insurance policy—the charitable tax receipt will be issued for the death benefit only, not for any premiums paid.

Wealth replacement life insurance—this option can be used to offset taxation of capital gains or to compensate for a donation of property.

For more information about life insurance or any other deferred gift vehicle, please call **(780) 492-0332**, or visit www.giving.ualberta.ca.

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Make a Difference

"All the press and the public hear about is the re-offenders—and I understand that—but only about one in 10,000 lifers re-offend," says Monkhouse. "We had two incidents last summer, but you can go back for years and years, and it never happened. I've had the opportunity to work with some very high-profile criminals who have committed very serious crimes. If you read about who they were before they got out of prison, they would have scared the heck out of you, but they have turned their lives around and are leading very productive social lives.

"Once these guys get their substance abuse and psychological problems dealt with, they feel a lot of grief. Most of them are not psychopaths. They have real angst about what they did and we can use that to help them. The public doesn't see, by and large, that the parole system works really well in Canada. People get out and they stay out." Monkhouse emphasizes that Corrections Services Canada is respected internationally for its treatment programs and research that demonstrates their effectiveness.

Monkhouse is convinced supporting excellent faculty members at the U of A will lead to even more effective counselling therapies. As a result of his gift, Monkhouse becomes a member of the Quaecumque Vera Honour Society, established to recognize donors' forethought and valuable contributions to the future of the University.

"It's my way of giving back," he says. At 48, he's grateful he can afford to make a difference now. He points out, "The University benefits and the donor gets tax benefits. Everybody wins."



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ALUMNI EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Learning on Location

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Alumni College in Sicily

April 30–May 5, 2005

Discover all that Sicily has to offer, including beautiful architecture, Greek and Roman ruins, delicious cuisine, and friendly people.

Price: from \$2,645 per person*



The Classic Rhine Cruise

June 2–13, 2005

Encounter Europe in a kaleidoscopic sweep of culture and landscape on this remarkable voyage along the legendary Rhine River.

Price: from \$2,995 per person*

Alumni College in Poland

June 29–July 7, 2005

Experience Poland's rich history and vibrant culture from a comfortable base in Krakow, the spiritual capital of this proud nation.

Price: from \$2,575 per person*

Kingdoms of the Baltic

June 29–July 11, 2005

Visit a region so rich in history and culture it is home to four UNESCO World Heritage sites. With stops in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Finland.

Price: from \$3,775 per person*

Journey of the Czars

August 11–25, 2005

Experience the diversity of "Mother Russia" through visits to her two great cities, Moscow and St. Petersburg, and a fantastic cruise through the wonderful countryside.

Price: from \$2,410 per person*

**prices are based on double occupancy and do not include airfare*



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May 9–17, 2005

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'Imagining Tuscany,' an eight-day photography workshop, provides an opportunity for alumni to discover the beauty of central Italy as part of an exceptional learning experience. Designed for photographers of all skill levels (participants should have at least a working knowledge of their cameras), the workshop features classroom sessions and daily photo walks around and about Cortona. Led by acclaimed international photographer Jim Vecchi, it is based at the Hotel Oasi, a former monastery, which provides comfortable accommodation and meeting space.



Included in the workshop:

- Instruction in the classroom and on location.
- Excursions to nearby towns and the Tuscan countryside.
- Eight nights' accommodation, including breakfasts, at the historic, three-star Hotel Oasi (www.hoteloasi.org).
- Six dinners, at a variety of restaurants in Cortona.
- A farewell lunch.
- Processing of two rolls of film, per participant, per shooting day.

\$2,840 per person based on double occupancy, not including transportation to Cortona (\$180 Single Supplement Fee)

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trails

Following the Footsteps of University of Alberta Alumni



Canola Fields
22" x 30"
watercolour

I like to use a vibrant display of colour splashes to create emotion in my watercolours," notes Frances Alty-Arscott, '80 BFA. On a driving trip through the foothills of southern Alberta, Alty-Arscott came across the sight of a huge storm sweeping out of the Rocky Mountains and was further met by a field of gorgeous yellow canola. She was inspired to create the watercolour "Canola Fields." This painting was featured in an issue of *International Artist* magazine.

Frances Alty-Arscott shows her work in 10 Alberta galleries. She teaches both adults and children. More of her work can be seen at www.compumart.ab.ca/narscott/index.htm.

REFLECTIONS



One of the many benefits of attending a university is the opportunity you have to interact with truly inspiring people.

Most of these valuable connections are between students and their professors, advisors, and fellow classmates, but the University of Alberta is also visited by some of the world's leading thinkers.

Many people let this benefit end at convocation, but the University welcomes the continued involvement of its alumni, and anyone who keeps up their connections can enjoy many meetings with remarkable individuals.

One of the many wonderful people who enriched the University of Alberta with her presence was the Honourable Lois Hole. Her term as chancellor was long after my student days on campus and just before I joined Alumni Council. Her two years in the position—before she was appointed by the province to be our lieutenant-governor—probably seemed too short for many students who had been looking forward to receiving their degrees from her at convocation.

Fortunately for me, Mrs. Hole's connection with the U of A continued in her role as Alberta's lieutenant-governor. She attended many Alumni Association events, and I was fortunate to meet and speak with her on many occasions.

She was a truly remarkable woman, tireless in her support for many worthy causes, including education. She held strongly to her belief that a civilization's strength is built upon the strength of its educational institutions, and she did everything she could to improve that foundation for Alberta and Canada.

Our university, province, and country suffered a loss with the passing of Mrs. Hole in January, but her legacy will continue far into the future. We can all honour her memory best by fulfilling her hope that we would carry on with her work once she was no longer able to do so herself.

Dick Wilson, '74 BA, '75 LLB
Alumni Association President



New chapter celebrates 40 years of dance

The Orchesis Dance Group was founded at the U of A in 1964 by Dorothy Harris, '46 BA. Now professor emerita, at the time she was teaching dance classes in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, and she wanted to give students a chance to dance in a performance context.

Forty years later, Orchesis is going strong: the modern dance group celebrated a smash performance of Dance Motif 2005 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre on 28 and 29 January; its 40th Anniversary Gala and Silent Auction was a great success; and the group is starting an alumni chapter that has endowed a summer study award to support a student seeking dance training.

The group's recent success is that much sweeter considering that Orchesis, which operates through Campus Recreation as a student club, recently revamped its structure.

"Two years ago we became a student-run organization," explains Kristina Lemieux, who joined Orchesis in 1997

as a dancer and sits on the executive board as Dance Motif Coordinator. "We have our own budget and run our program ourselves without University funding. Campus Recreation still helps us out with such things as advertising and printing tickets for the show; it has turned out to be a very positive relationship."

Orchesis offers classes in modern and jazz dance at three levels of ability, and all members—who range from beginners to those who've danced for years—are encouraged to perform in Dance Motif.

Lemieux, who will graduate from the U of A this spring, would like to stay connected with the people she spent a lot of time with through Orchesis. "Orchesis was an awesome experience, such a unique group of people. In rehearsals you spend two hours a week with these people. After they move on, it would be nice to stay connected somehow. People are interested in staying in touch."

For more information on staying in touch through the alumni chapter, to get involved, or to donate to the endowed study award, contact Kristina Lemieux at krissy_best@yahoo.ca.

Wander the trails of history online

As the University of Alberta is poised to celebrate its centenary, a revamped website of stories looks back at the compelling history of the University. "History Trails," an online collection of accounts culled from decades of issues of the alumni magazine, paints a very interesting picture of the events, people, and buildings behind our growing campus.

Since 1920 the alumni magazine—first called *The Trail*, then, since 1942, *New Trail*—has chronicled campus events for its readers. Over the years, that has added up to some impressive accounts of some impressive events, including the first heart transplant conducted at the U of A Hospitals and visits from distinguished scholars and humanitarians, including Mother Teresa. Stories of the University's training of young Canadians to enter WWII describe a time of "high seriousness beneath the natural effervescence of youth." After the war, an influx of veterans swelled the student population and taxed the resources of campus. "Teaching went on continuously without any break from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Army huts ... were erected to accommodate extra classes."

Tales of frosh antics, student pranks, and residence life provide a lighter look at campus life. As one story notes, "The record of individual nonsense at the University of Alberta is at least as long as the list of students who ever set foot on the campus."

The record of accomplishments, accolades, and distinguished scholars is even longer.

Stories of the trailblazing academics on campus—Rowan, Lemieux, Kreisel, and so many others—are grouped by the individual's name, making it easy to navigate through the site and find articles of interest. Of course another option is to browse the 125 articles and learn more than you could imagine about the history of the campus. Access "History Trails" at www.ualberta.ca/alumni/history.

Alumni memorial service

Since 2000, the Alumni Association has organized a special memorial service to honour University of Alberta alumni who have passed away. This annual ceremony was established as a way to express sorrow over the loss of members of our alumni family and to help remind us of the contributions our alumni have made in shaping our University into the outstanding institution it is today.

Various members of the University community are involved in this event. The service is led by members of the University of Alberta Chaplains Association and music is provided by the U of A Mixed Chorus.

This year's service will be held at Convocation Hall, in the old Arts Building, on 24 April. The service, which will focus on those alumni who passed away during 2004, will take place from 2:00–3:00 p.m. A short reception in the Arts Lounge will follow. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to receive an invitation to this service, please contact Deanna Rahier at (780) 492-6075 or toll-free at 1-800-661-2593.

Spring alumni education programs explore finances and computing

If you're looking to begin securing your financial future or are standing by helplessly while your home computer is being hijacked by viruses, adware, and spyware, Alumni Education can help.

Financial planning advice for young alumni and a roster of computer courses for alumni of all ages highlight the Alumni Education offerings this spring. The financial planning initiative—"Plan for your Success"—is being offered in two parts. On 28 April, the emphasis will be on building a personal financial plan; on 5 May, the focus will be on securing your family's future. The course is intended for younger alumni, typically the graduates of the past 10 years, who are establishing themselves in their careers. Speakers will include U of A graduates and industry experts.

Alumni can register for either or both of the financial education sessions. The registration fee is \$25 for both or \$15 for a single session.

The "Home Computing Fun-01" courses are being offered in partnership with the University of Alberta's Technology Training Centre. The course topics have been chosen to correspond with the most common needs of alumni involved in, or planning to get involved in, home computing or digital photography. Each course takes place over three sessions on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings in April.

The offerings include a basic course for those with extremely limited computing experience and an introductory course for aspiring digital photographers. Also being offered are a course to help alumni protect their computers from common digital menaces—adware, spyware, viruses, etc.—and an introduction to web page design. Tuition for each course is \$75.

For further information about these alumni education initiatives, see page 16 or visit the alumni education website: www.ualberta.ca/alumni/ed.

Alumni Walk celebrates a golden victory

The University of Alberta Alumni Association's Alumni Walk Opening Ceremony, which celebrated the creation of a special place on campus for alumni, students, visitors, and the University community, was recently awarded gold in the Projects Category by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)—District VIII.

CASE is the professional organization for people who work in alumni relations, communications, and development. It is the largest non-profit education association in terms of institutional membership. District VIII, which will hold its annual conference in Seattle at the end of February, includes the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

If you have not yet had a chance to visit Alumni Walk, it is located on the east side of the Students' Union Building. To see the construction process visit www.ualberta.ca/alumni/walk.

Alumni Events

For more information about alumni events, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs by phone at (780) 492-3224 or (toll-free in North America) 1-800-661-2593 or by e-mail at alumni@ualberta.ca. You can also check the alumni events website at www.ualberta.ca/alumni/events.

19 March 2005
Edmonton, Alberta
Mixed Chorus Alumni Association AGM
6:30 p.m., Founders Room, Winspear Centre

19 March 2005
Edmonton, Alberta
Mixed Chorus 61st Annual Spring Concert
8:00 p.m., Winspear Centre

23 March 2005
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Alumni Reception
Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
Special Guest: Keith Bain, '92 BEd, Program Manager, Liberated Learning, Saint Mary's University
Contact: Joe Henschel, '01 BA, at joe.henschel@ualberta.net

24 March 2005
Lethbridge, Alberta
Annual Alumni Reception & AGM
Lethbridge Lodge
Special Guest: Chancellor Eric Newell
Contact: Beth Cook, '71 BEd, at cookmusic@msn.com

2 April 2005
Bonnyville, Alberta
Annual Alumni Brunch
Special Guest: Dr. Jane Vallentyne, Professor, Faculty of Education
Contact: Jennifer Lawton-Godziuk, '94 BEd, at lgodziuk@mscnet.net

9 April 2005
Washington, D.C.
All-Canadian Alumni Dinner
Hosted by York University
Special Guest: Barbara Budd, co-host of CBC Radio's "As It Happens"

12 April 2005
Peace Region, Alberta
Alumni Lunch
Special Guest: Dean Michael Percy, School of Business

23 April 2005
Victoria, B.C.
Annual Alumni Brunch
The Fairmont Empress
Special Guest: Acting Dean Fern Snart, Faculty of Education
Contact: Darcy Verschoor, '96 BCom, at darcy.verschoor@royalbank.com

24 April 2005
Edmonton, Alberta
Alumni Memorial Service
2:00–3:00 p.m., Convocation Hall (in the old Arts Building)
The service will be led by members of the U of A Chaplains Association, and music provided by the U of A Mixed Chorus.
Contact: Deanna Rahier, 492-6075 or toll-free at 1-800-661-2593

24 April 2005
Vancouver, B.C.
Annual Alumni Brunch
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Special Guest: Acting Dean Fern Snart, Faculty of Education
Contact: Jamil Ahmed, '70 MEng, at mjahmed@shaw.ca

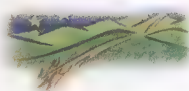
28 April 2005
Toronto, Ontario
Alumni Reception
Special Guest: Dean Michael Percy, School of Business

29 April 2005
Ottawa, Ontario
Alberta Composers Celebration & U of A Alumni Pre-Concert Reception
National Arts Centre
Special Guest: Dean Michael Percy, School of Business

12 May 2005
Camrose, Alberta
Alumni Dinner

19 May 2005
Mayerthorpe, AB
Alumni Dinner

9 June 2005
Calgary, Alberta
Annual Alumni Dinner
Spruce Meadows
Contact: Douglas Colton, '59 BSc (Eng), '60 MSc, '64 PhD, at eliasaph@shaw.ca



Breaking the bonds of tradition

While at the University of Alberta working on her master's degree in zoology, **Yue-Qing Yang**, '92 MSc, couldn't shake off questions of self-identity. Far from her home in China, with no family around, and thinking about her future in academics, she came to a startling conclusion that changed her life.

"I felt to understand myself I had to go back to understand Chinese women in the past." Answers to questions about herself could not be found in the lab, so instead of pursuing a doctorate in science, Yang looked back to China and back in time. She says she had an epiphany and came to see that one practice—foot binding—had marked and defined Chinese women for centuries.

"Foot binding had gone on for 1,000 years. It affected most of the women in China. It was so pervasive, but there was no book, no discussion, no TV. From this silence, I did not see a taboo; I saw one-eighth of the world's population being told they were not important. I see them thinking that Chinese women are stupid. If I did not come to this conclusion, I would still be in science."



Yue-Qing Yang, whose journey of self-discovery led her to create a documentary about foot binding in China.

Foot Binding: Search for the Three Inch Golden Lotus was produced, written and directed by Yue-Qing Yang for East-West Film Enterprise with the participation of VisionTV and the NFB. It can be purchased from Yue-Qing Yang (yangfilms@telus.net).

Lyle Stafford

Yang's quest to understand foot binding became her life's work. She researched and created a powerful documentary film on the subject. *Foot Binding: Search for the Three Inch Golden Lotus* recently aired on VisionTV, and it will be shown later this year on Access. Yang is now a self-taught filmmaker based in Vancouver dedicated to uncovering and telling the stories of Chinese women.

"Once I realized that foot binding was a fundamental issue, I couldn't not look at it," explains Yang. "To ignore it and not do this work would have felt like I was saying that I'm not important. I couldn't do that. I didn't even have a choice."

Ultimately the project took 10 years, all her money, and a toll on her health. It tested her friendships and her relationship with her family. "It is not a film anymore," she says, "but my life."

Foot binding originated in China in the 10th century. The leaders of the new Republic of China banned the practice in 1911, but it lingered until about the 1930s. Chinese girls from around age five—including Yang's mother and aunt—had their feet bound with strips of silk, forcing the four small toes under the sole. This made the feet narrower and shorter and forced the big toe and the heel closer together by bowing the arch of the foot. Delicate embroidered shoes would be worn over the deformed feet.

Women whose feet had been bound walked awkwardly and usually in pain. They could not run. But a sculpted eight-centimetre foot became the feminine ideal.

As she researched her film, Yang was constantly faced with criticism for exposing a shameful part of China's past, and she was unable to raise any funds to support her film in China. After foot binding was stopped, she explains, it was seen in China as a sign of backwardness that should not be talked about. Her own sister accused her of

selling Chinese women's misery to western culture for money. Yang says dramatically, "I saw it differently."

Through her documentary, Yang came to see that the reasons behind foot binding were complex. "It has to do with the entire marriage structure. If women cannot make a living, they have no choice but to make themselves marriageable; it all goes together."

Yang says she sees disturbing similarities to foot binding in some modern-day Chinese practices. With a mix of anger and despair, she asks, "Do you know what women in China are doing now? They are cutting and stretching their legs to make them longer. High heels are labelled as western in China and seen as a sign of an advanced culture, but it's just a different version of foot binding."

Yang will continue to work on documentaries. "All the projects will be on Chinese women. That is what is important to me, what I need to understand. It matters to me, it matters to my mother, to women who suffered, even though in the current situation they do not think about it."

—Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA



bookmarks



Beyond the Bricks: Stories of the Nurses' Residences at the University of Alberta

Compiled and written by Scott Davies, '04 BA

The School of Nursing was established at the U of A in 1923. This booklet includes photos and accounts of the various residences used for U of A nursing students, including the nurses residence built in 1947 and now used as the Research Transition Facility. (Faculty of Nursing, www.nursing.ualberta.ca; order by contacting Shelley McDonald at 492-9171)

You and Your Family Doctor: Seven Steps to Better Care

Germaine M. Dechant, '80 BSc(Nu), '89 Postgrad Dip, '93 MHSA



Dechant, a registered nurse with a master's in health services administration, is an advocate for patient empowerment. In this practical guide she provides insights into the doctor-patient relationship and offers tips to allow patients and care providers to make the best use of health care resources. (YinYang Books, www.yinyangbooks.com)

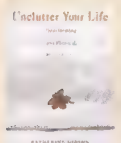


Breathing Fire Two: Canada's New Poets

Edited by Lorna Crozier, '80 MA, and Patrick Lane

This is the much-anticipated new selection of Canada's best young poets. Nine years ago the first volume of *Breathing Fire* was published to critical acclaim, introducing 31 new poets. Today a new generation of poets has come of age, and this collection introduces 33 of them. (Nightwood Editions, www.nightwoodeditions.com; distributed by Harbour Publishing, www.harbourpublishing.com)

Unclutter Your Life: Transforming Your Physical, Mental, and Emotional Space



Katherine Gibson, '73 BEd
Unclutter Your Life tackles not only the clutter we see but also the unseen obstacles that pack the mental and emotional in-basket of life. A Canadian

bestseller, *Unclutter Your Life* shows how our creative potential is unleashed when we attack clutter with action, clarity, and a good cleaning. (www.clutterbook.com; published by Beyond Words Pub)

Sparrows on Wheels

Heidi Janz, '93 BA, '95 MA, '03 PhD



A novel for young people that explores what it's like to be a teenager with a disability. The novel is, in its author's words, semi-autobiographical; it tells the story of Talia Taves, a teenager with cerebral palsy who aspires to become a professional writer, and her classmates as they advance through junior and senior high school. (DocCrip Press, members.shaw.ca/doccrippress)

The Captain's Course: Secrets of Great Slave Lake

Henry Kasten, '46 BSc(Eng), '49 MSc



A non-fiction account of numerous searches between 1942 and 1984 for equipment lost by sinking in Great Slave Lake. The story embodies elements of adventure, humour, surprise, disappointment, and pathos under conditions of sub-arctic Canada. (Self-published by the author, *The Captain's Course* is available at the U of A bookstore.)

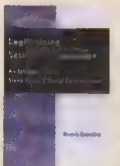
Compulsory Compassion: A Critique of Restorative Justice

Annalise Acorn, '82 BA, '85 LLB



Often understood to be a humane and politically progressive alternative to retributive or deterrent punishment, restorative justice aspires to a theoretical and practical reconciliation of the values of love and compassion with justice and accountability. A one-time advocate of restorative justice, Acorn here questions the assumptions behind the rhetoric supporting it. (UBC Press, www.ubcpress.ca)

Legitimizing Scientific Knowledge: An Introduction to Steve Fuller's Social Epistemology



Francis Remedios, '76 BA; Foreword by Steve Fuller
Steve Fuller has devoted much of his work to the issue of scientific authority, examining how it is constructed and how it is appropriated. In this carefully argued, in-depth analysis of the work of a very important philosopher of science, Remedios reconstructs Fuller's arguments and provides important criticisms of Fuller's position and responses to philosophical debates. (Lexington Books, www.lexingtonbooks.com)

BOOK REVIEW

Perfect Circle

Sean Stewart, '86 BA
(Small Beer Press, www.lcrw.net)



Will "Dead" Kennedy has a gift. He sees ghosts: benevolent and malevolent family members, strangers, and "ghost roads," which is why he always takes the bus.

His gift is more of a curse than a blessing, and it almost costs him his life, which, as a 30-something former punker with an ex-wife, a 12-year-old daughter, and a string of crappy jobs, is simply "another kind of dying."

Perfect Circle, which is part morality play, part ghost story, part family saga, and part opera, is by turns funny and sad. It has an intriguing narrative that plays with the reader's perceptions of time, reality, life, love, death—and alternative music from the 1970s and '80s.

Stewart's eighth novel is rife with pop music references: the title of the novel is the name of a song from the 1983 R.E.M. album *Murmur*; and the name of the protagonist is a nod to the San Francisco punk band Dead Kennedys.

"I think it's all songs. ... I think we each get a CD, three score minutes and ten. And some of the songs are short, and some are long ... some of them break your heart."

At the start of the novel, Will Kennedy is existing in a purgatorial netherworld when, fired from his most recent dead-end job, broke, and sleeping on a mattress on the floor in his dump of an apartment, he agrees to banish a ghost from his cousin Tom's garage.

Perfect Circle is a compelling read that made me wish I had taken better care of the records from my youth. Much more than a ghost story, Stewart's novel explores the boundaries we all abide by and push beyond.

—Wendy McGrath



classnotes

'47 Philip Proctor, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, was an irrigation construction engineer for the federal government from 1947 to 1957. He worked on several projects, including the Bow River Development Project. Later, Philip was a partner in three firms, and in 1971 he became a senior structural engineer with four Edmonton firms. In 1984, Philip established his own civil and structural consulting engineering firm. "The crown of my career was the site, foundation, and structural engineering of the Edmonton Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Philip was a founding member of the Edmonton Society of Structural Engineers and served as its vice-president and president. Philip writes that his greatest achievement—his family—was accomplished with his "eternal companion" Darlene Sabey, and includes 8 children, 19 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.



ENVISION

Internationally renowned and award-winning author **Robert Kroetsch**, '48 BA, was recently appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. Robert, a professor emeritus at the U of Manitoba, is highly respected for his role in developing post-modern literary theory in Canada. He has received numerous accolades, including the 2003 University of Alberta Distinguished Alumni Award.

'52 Diane Walker (Gittins), BSc, of Okotoks, Alberta, retired from her work in the lab and is now very involved with amateur theatre. She also manages the Calgary Arabian Horse Association Spring Show and volunteers with several community service groups.

'58 Frank King, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors for CanWest Global Communications. Frank is the president of Metropolitan Investment Corporation. He was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1988.

'60 James Stanford, BSc(Eng), '00 LLD (Honorary), of Calgary, was recently appointed to Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year™ Advisory Board for 2004.

'64 D. Lorne Tyrrell, BSc, '68 MD, of Edmonton, was recently appointed chair of the board of directors of the Institute of Health Economics.

'68 John Howard, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors of APF Energy Inc.

'72 Sylvia Wilson (Mandziuk), Dip(OT), '80 BSc(OT), '90 MSc, of Edmonton, is working as a research and knowledge manager in the Research and Evidence Branch, Alberta Health and Wellness. In addition, Sylvia runs a private medico-legal practice in Edmonton.

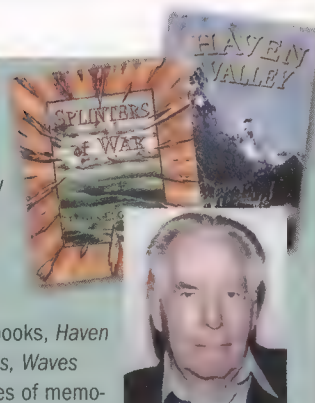
Karen Watson, BSc, of Calgary, was appointed senior vice-president and chief financial officer of ATCO Ltd and Canadian Utilities Ltd, effective 1 October 2004.

'73 Owen Edmondson, BSc, '79 MBA, of Edmonton, was appointed senior vice-president, controller, of ATCO Utilities Group in October 2004.

Ed Kamps, BA, '74 Dip(Ed), of Fort McMurray, Alberta, was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Human Resources Institute of Alberta.

Harold Kingston, BCom, of Edmonton, was recently appointed to the board of governors of Grant

James Gander, '44 BEd, '46 BA, of Ottawa, has retired from a career as an economist and energy analyst, where he focused on policy and business matters. After traveling extensively, he has returned to his first love of creative writing, which started 60 years ago at the U of A. "Writing recently the three books, *Haven Valley*; *Splinters of War*; and *Ripples, Waves and Storms*, has brought back waves of memories of enjoyable days at the U of A, and nostalgia for those 'good old student days,' " writes James, who recalls that Professor Salter's creative writing course was a highlight of his undergraduate years. "I still have many of those assignments, his conscientious marginal comments of encouragement and criticisms." James worked on two projects with Professor Salter. One was working with young war veterans—James was appointed as a sessional instructor in literature and creative writing—the other project was working on the radio program "The Chimney Corner," which aired on CKUA. James took a detour from creative writing when he applied for—and was awarded—the IODE War Memorial Scholarship on the advice of Professor Salter. "I thought that I was unlikely to get a scholarship to study English literature, and so I selected my second major, economics." James attended King's College, Cambridge, Lord Keynes College. "And so, Professor Salter, it has taken me 60 years to pick up the threads from where we left them. In a flood of memories of those days and nostalgia for them, I can dedicate these books to your kind guidance to me at the U of A."



MacEwan College. Harold is a partner and founder of the independent chartered accounting firm Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP.

E. Harry Roberts, BCom, of Calgary, was recently appointed executive vice-president and chief financial officer of Petro-Canada.

Karen Waltz, BEd, of Vermilion, Alberta, retired in June 2004 after 36 years of teaching at Vermilion Elementary School.

'74 Brian Banks, BSc, of Edmonton, was recently elected chair of the board of directors of the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors.

Cecile Gobeil, BSc(Nu), of Edmonton was appointed as a full-time member of the National Parole Board in the Prairie Region in November 2004 by Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan.

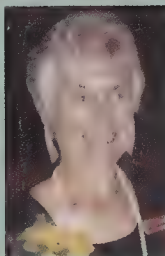
'75 Jody Hunt, BCom, of St. Albert, Alberta, was recently appointed a public member of the Athabasca U Governing Council.

Jody is a partner with the Hunt Group, where she provides consulting services on a variety of human resource issues.

Gordon Mills, BMed, '77 MD, '84 PhD, an internationally recognized cancer expert, was recently appointed to the Scientific and Clinical Advisory Board of Semafore Pharmaceuticals. Gordon is chair of the molecular therapeutics department, a professor, and the Ann Rife Chair in Gynecology at the U of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

'76 Ron Wilkinson, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed senior vice-president, North America wholesale, of Agrium Inc. Ron joined Agrium in 1996, holding numerous senior positions with the company.

'77 George Lang, PhD, '71 MA, was recently appointed dean of the Faculty of Arts at the U of Ottawa. George served as the associate dean of the arts faculty at the U of A, where he was a professor of French literature and cultural studies.



Joyce Cutts (Mattson), '54 BPE, of Welland, Ontario, continues to serve up wins on the tennis courts. This three-time Canadian Ladies Tennis Doubles Champion represented Canada at the Fourth International Tennis Federation World Seniors Tennis Championship this September in Philadelphia, where she got to the 16th round in singles. In 2003, Joyce was the Tennis Champion in Ontario in the +70-age category.

'78 Jim Mahaffy, BCom, '80 MBA, of Oakville, Ontario, was recently appointed executive vice-president and head of corporate and institution banking with HSBC Bank Canada. Jim will be based in Toronto.

Karl Schimann, PhD, was recently appointed the manager of the uranium exploration division of CanAlaska Ventures Ltd.

David Sproule, BA, '81 LLB, was recently appointed high commissioner to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. David joined Canada's Department of External Affairs in 1981 and has served

abroad in Singapore, Bangkok, and Washington. In Ottawa, he served in the Economic Law Division and the Political Intelligence Analysis Division, among many others. Since 2003, he has been the director of the United Nations, Human Rights, and Economic Law Division. David and his wife, Doreen, have five children.

'79 Sett Policicchio, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, was recently appointed president of ATCO Electric.

Ken Stratton, BA, of Edmonton, recently joined Raymond James, where he is an investment advisor.

Linda Yau, BA, of Sheung Wan, Hong Kong, operates her own business, Face Forward Ltd, which offers services to empower leadership for business success in the Greater China market. Her services include business etiquette, image creation, media and public relations, and dress codes for business functions. Linda can be reached at lindayau@faceforward.biz.

'80 Glen Hansen, BCom, of Edmonton, recently joined the investment team at Raymond James.

Catherine Long, BA, recently joined the Edmonton law firm Carr and Smith.

'81 Brian Fowler, BSc, of Vancouver, was recently appointed manager of exploration with Quadra Mining Ltd.

Sandy Gordon, MA, '86 PhD, and **Barb Wood**, '89 MA, are pleased to announce the arrival of Finlay David Gordon, a brother for Kristy Jean, on 13 September. The family is enjoying life in Perth, Australia, where both Sandy and Barb work at the U of Western Australia.

Valeta Gregg, PhD, was recently elected to the board of directors of BioTime Inc. Since 2002, Valeta has been at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, a New York-based company, where she is responsible for the company's patent-related activities. Valeta received her juris doctor from the U of Colorado School of Law in 1992.

Howard Lutley, MSc(Eng), of Cochrane, Alberta, was recently appointed vice-president of mining and extraction at UTS Energy Corporation.

'82 Rick Brouwer, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed president of ATCO Pipelines.

Howard Oudman, BSc(Ag), of Edmonton, was recently appointed investment manager of AVAC Ltd.

'83 Pauline Quaghebeur, BA, was recently appointed district commissioner for the Belleville North West Girl Guide District. She is also the Brown Owl (a leader of a Brownie pack) with the 20th Belleville, Ontario, Brownies. "All of that in addition to my job in the military."



Babak

More musical high notes for **Neil Crory**, '75 BMus, a senior musical producer for CBC Radio: In October, he was awarded a 2004 CBC Radio Peer Award for Excellence in Broadcasting, and his recording (for CBC Records) of *Orchestral Suites* by Jean-Philippe Rameau with Jeanne Lamon and the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra was nominated for a Grammy Award in the Best Small Ensemble Performance category. As busy as ever, his newest CD project, *Cleopatra*, was released in the fall on the CBC Records label, and it has already received rave reviews. This disc features Canadian soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian in arias from four baroque operas that deal with the Cleopatra story, including world premiere recordings of arias by Johann Mattheson.

'84 Scott Roszell, BCom, of Edmonton, was recently appointed vice-president, controller, of ATCO I-Tek.

'86 Babajide Familoni, PhD, was named dean of the College of Sciences and Technology at Savannah State U in Savannah, Georgia, in July 2004.

Diana Llorente, BCom, of Vancouver, was recently appointed vice-president of the board of directors of the B.C. Centre for Quality. Diana established her company, CRM Consulting, in 2001. Currently, she is expecting her fourth child.



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Poet **Lorna Crozier**, '80 MA, recently received the U of Victoria's Distinguished Professor Award, the university's highest academic honour. The award, a five-year professorship, is bestowed on a faculty member who has achieved distinction in teaching and research and has made substantial contributions to the university and the wider community. "Lorna is an outstanding



teacher with a well-established international reputation in research excellence and innovation," says Giles Hogya, dean of fine arts at the U of Victoria. Lorna joined the faculty in 1991. She is currently the chair of the writing department. Her newest collection of poetry, *Whetstone*, is due out this spring.

Brian Milne, BCom, of Calgary, was appointed vice-president, controller, of ATCO Midstream in October 2004.

Major Peter Portlock, MHSA, '67 BA, of Edmonton, was recently appointed executive director of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Stephen Stanley, BSc(Eng), '88 MEng, '95 PhD, of Edmonton, was recently appointed president of Epcor Water Services Inc.

Guoyao Wu, MSc, '89 PhD, a faculty member in the Department of Animal Science at Texas A & M, recently received the Nonruminant Nutrition Research Award from the American Society of Animal Science. According to the American Dairy Science Association, Wu's work "exemplifies the power of basic research in solving practical problems in the swine industry."

'87 Tom Borowiecki, BCom, went down to Seattle on a three-month assignment in 2000 to

work on a project for Microsoft. "Well, four years later, I am still here and now working for a major wireless carrier in a service management/engineering capacity for their enterprise customers."

Calvin Maxfield, BCom, of Edmonton, is the manager of capital planning for Alberta Health and Wellness. For the past 15 years, he has been involved in the planning and project management of health care infrastructure throughout the province. Calvin, who is a freelance writer for many magazines, has been busy organizing the Edmonton Winter Triathlon and Silver Skate Festival, which was held on 19 February.

'88 Lyndon Ulmer, BA, '92 BSc(HomeEc), has finished his three-year, 25-country backpacking expedition. He has settled in Calgary, where he is working for William Roper Hull Family Services as a vocational counsellor in Hull's public school setting. In addition, he piloted a new work experience program for adolescents in special settings. In 2004, Lyndon received

the Russell Teague Award for his contributions in the secure treatment school. "While in Calgary, I also managed to live through a short and bizarre bobsledding career." In September 2004, he married Tina Clem, which allowed him to "rise to the ranks of the happiest man on earth."

'90 Patti-Ann LaBoucane-Benson, BPE, '01 MSc, is a 2004 recipient of the prestigious Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarship. Patti-Ann is pursuing her doctorate in Human Ecology at the U of A.

Ray Suchow, BEd, writes, "Things are going great!" He is living in a new house in Beaumont, Alberta, and teaching computers in Leduc, Alberta.

'91 Todd Gordon, BEd, was appointed head coach and vice-president of hockey operations for the Louisiana IceGators in July 2004. Previously, Todd coached in the ECHL for Toledo and Pensacola. "We are very excited to have Todd Gordon here with the IceGators,"



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off the beaten path

This diplomat's path led to Rome

Broad and regal, the Via del Conciliazione stretches some 500 metres or so between the grand sprawl of St. Peter's Basilica on one end and the Tiber River on the other. Part way up the avenue, on the right hand side as you approach the Vatican from the river, are the offices that are now the workday home of **Donald Smith, '69 LLB.**

On 4 September 2004, at a ceremony at the Pope's summer residence, Smith presented his credentials to His Holiness Pope John II, confirming his appointment as Canada's ambassador to the Holy See.

Almost a billion people around the world look to Rome as their spiritual home, giving the Vatican an unparalleled view to happenings throughout the globe.

"The Holy See knows an awful lot," says Smith, seated comfortably in his office above the bustle of Via del Conciliazione. "The local bishops and priests living with the people all over the world provide a real grass-roots information network," he explains. "There is a great deal that can be learned here."

Largely because of its value as a listening post, the Vatican has a very active diplomatic community, with approximately 170 states maintaining missions to the Holy See. (The term "Holy See" refers to the composite of the authority, jurisdiction, and sovereignty vested in the Pope and his advisors to direct the worldwide Roman Catholic Church—although it is centred in Vatican City, the Holy See represents an immensely larger community.)

Canada has had formal diplomatic relationships with the Holy See since 1969, and Smith recently commemorated 35 years of fruitful relations at a ceremony at which he donated a collection of books on religion in Canada to the Vatican Library.

As do most of the countries that have missions to the Holy See, Canada maintains a separate embassy in Rome for its mission to the Italian state. The two missions work cooperatively, and "the big embassy"—Canada's embassy on the other side of the Tiber—handles some of the routine administrative matters related to the running of the mission to the Holy See. In his embassy, Smith has two Canadian staff members and six Italians to support his efforts.

Smith, who is Canada's 10th ambassador to the Holy See, went into the foreign service directly out of law school. He has had external affairs posts in Ottawa, Cairo, Dublin, London, and Croatia, and he's also tried his hand at practising law. About 10 years after graduation he took over a suburban law practice in Calgary for a short while, but he was lured back to a legal advisory post in Ottawa and later served as director of the department of foreign affairs' legal advisory division, before being named Canada's ambassador to Croatia in 1997.



Donald Smith, '69 LLB, became Canada's 10th ambassador to the Holy See in September 2004.

"Croatia is a small country, but it's diverse. It reaches from the Adriatic coast into middle Europe, and there's quite a different climate, quite a different mindset." And of course there was the aftermath of the hostilities that ripped apart the former Yugoslavia to be dealt with. "Refugees were returning. Relationships were tense," he recalls.

"It remains a difficult situation," says Smith, who returned from Croatia to spend three years in Ottawa coordinating Canada's assistance to the Balkan regions. "There's too much history; memories are too long."

Croatia is only a short drive or ferry ride away from Italy, and while Smith and his wife, Elizabeth Ann, were living in Zagreb they took advantage of that proximity to spend time exploring the Italian countryside.

"Italy is a place where I've wanted to come for a long time," says Smith, who's clearly enjoying his new posting. Why wouldn't he? Not only does he find the job compelling, he describes himself as "a lover of Italian food, Italian wine, Italian art, Italian cars."

Since his arrival in Rome, Smith has found his reception to be cordial. He's also been extremely impressed by the Vatican's diplomatic staff. "The people in the secretariat of the Holy See—all of them priests, bishops, or archbishops—are really quite impressive," he says.

Smith is not an adherent of the Roman Catholic Church. And that's not an issue, he says. "Naturally, there are many other heads of diplomatic missions at the Vatican that are non-Catholics. Almost all of the Islamic countries are represented, for instance."

Besides, he says, he's not trying to duplicate the work of the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops. "We're a secular mission. I make sure I'm not trying to do what the Canadian bishops are doing. On the other hand, I do try to keep in touch with the Canadian Council of Bishops."

At present, Smith is fully occupied getting integrated into the Vatican's diplomatic community, sorting out relationships, getting around to meet his colleagues from other missions, and so on. It really hasn't left much time for indulging his love for things Italian and exploring his new home. "My wife has seen much more of Rome than I have," he says, just a little ruefully.

—Rick Pilger



Dru Marshall, '82 MSc, '89 PhD, was recently named one of the 20 most accomplished women in Canada by the Canadian Association for Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity. This is the third time the CAAWS has announced its list, which recognizes women who have made a significant impact as athletes, administrators, advocates, board members, executives, officials, policy makers, and volunteers. Dru is an associate dean, academic, in the U of A physical education and recreation faculty. In addition to having been a field hockey player on the national level, she also served as the successful head coach for the Canadian National Field Hockey team from 1996 to 2001. In 1994, she receiving the prestigious 3M Award for Coaching in Canada.

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said the IceGators managing partner John Lingo in a press release. Gordon is the fourth head coach of the IceGators.

'92 Peter Augustin, BCom, of Edmonton, is working as an Oracle System Administrator for Enbridge Pipelines. Peter and his wife, **Tracy Augustin (Renz)**, '93 BA, were expecting their second child in February. Tracy works for Social Development Canada.

Maureen Prentice, BA, currently lives in Vancouver, where she is a co-owner of Jump Communications. Recently, her first feature film, *Lucky Stars*, was premiered in the Films for Families section at the Calgary International Film Festival. *Lucky Stars* is a comedy about a stage mom who pushes her dog into an acting career. Maureen co-wrote, co-produced, and acted in the feature.

Jason Lammerts, BCom, was recently appointed senior vice-president of Remington Development Corporation's Edmonton office.

'93 Kim DePaco (Parrott), BFA, has "made a leap to software engineering." She is working at MDA in Richmond, B.C., developing software for LIDAR satellite ground stations. She married Greg DePaco in July 2004, and the couple is expecting their first child in June.

'96 Blain Banick, MBA, '89 BA, recently joined Ballard Spahr Andrews and Ingersoll as the company's first senior-level marketing professional.

Jan Paulovick, BEd, has been teaching at Alexander Forbes School

in Grande Prairie, Alberta, for six years. Jan was the music teacher for the first four years for grades 1 to 6, and she now teaches grade 3.

'97 Angelena Satdeo, BEd, of Vancouver, is the founder of Cake, a fashion-forward collection of reworked vintage designs. Her trendy clothes are sold in Vancouver, Edmonton, and Los Angeles boutiques. To see her creative creations visit www.getyourcakeon.com.

'98 Debra Nousek, BA, received her master's degree in classics at the U of California, Santa Barbara, in 2000. More recently, she spent a term as a visiting student at the U College Oxford, and in June 2004 completed her doctorate in classics at Rutgers U in New Jersey. Currently, she is an assistant professor of classical studies at the U of Western Ontario and lives in London, Ontario, with her partner, **Donna Sasges**, '88 BEd.

'99 Brad Ehrman, BSc(Eng), was recently appointed engineering manager of Dorchester Minerals. Brad earned his MBA from the Jones Graduate School of Management at Rice U.

'00 Benjamin Morrill, BA, of Oita-ken, Japan, recently published *Traditional Japanese Dances of Himeshima*, a photographic documentary of the history of traditional Japanese Obon dance. Benjamin writes that this may be of interest to students in the Department of East Asian Studies at the U of A. For information visit www.sanamimorrill.org.

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In Memoriam

The Alumni Association notes with sorrow the passing of the following graduates:

'32 James Edward Hawkins, BSc(Eng), of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, in December '04

Frank Charles Paege, BA, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

Emily Stokstad, Dip(Nu), of Kamloops, BC, in December '04

'37 Ronald Hilborn Horner, MD, of Edmonton, AB, in September '04

'38 Lilian Joan McLure (Lofts), Dip(Nu), of Saskatoon, SK, in November '04

'39 Frank Gordon Brisbin, BA, '44 BDiv, of Dundalk, ON, in September '04

John Edward Taylor, BSc, '49 BEd, of Calgary, AB, in November '04

'40 Theodore Milne Schulte, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

Morris Cyril Shumlatcher, BA, '41 LLB, of Regina, SK, in September '04

'41 Robert Frederick Driscoll, BA, '41 LLB, of Calgary, AB, in October '04

Bernice Anne Dubuc (Steinbach), BA, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

George Thomas Kokotailo, BSc, '46 Dip(Ed), '48 MSc, of Woodbury, New Jersey, in October '04

Dorothy Martha Wolk (Graham), BSc(Nu), of Regina, SK, in October '04

'42 Enid Claudia Meston, BA, of Vancouver, BC, in October '04

'43 Helen A. Krueger (Soldan), BSc(HEC), of Victoria, BC, in October '04

Carson H. Templeton, BSc(Eng), of Victoria, BC, in October '04

'44 Alexander Robinson Robblee, BSc(Ag), '46 MSc, of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

Robert Coulson Schrader, BA, '44 LLB, of Calgary, AB, in November '04

'45 Alexander Frank Manyluk, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, AB, in October '04

Glendora Elaine Sleath (Rosborough), Dip(Nu), '46 BSc(Nu), of Vancouver, BC, in November '04

'46 Kenneth Lord Crockett, BA, '47 LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

Glenn Rorem Olson, BSc(Ag), of Regina, SK, in December '04

'47 Hubert Ronald Manery, BSc(Ag), of Kanata, ON, in September '04

Harry Kenneth Reidford, BSc, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

'48 Erwyn Wallace Bissell, BSc, '50 MD, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

Roy Frederick Clark, BSc, '50 MD, of Vancouver, BC, in April '04

Philip James Cox, BEd, '54 BA, of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

Bernard Gabert, BEd, of Westbank, BC, in October '04

John Grant Gunderson, BCom, of Calgary, AB, in October '04

Keith Austen Henry, BSc(Eng), of West Vancouver, BC, in November '04

Israel Arnold Lesk, BSc(Eng), of Phoenix, Arizona, in March '04

Mary Melnychuk (Komhyr), BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

'49 Freda Geuder, Dip(Ed), of Hanna, AB, in November '04

Henry Reginald Jeffers, Dip(Ed), '61 BEd, '65 Dip(Ed), of Sidney, BC, in November '04

Ronald Stuart MacLean, BSc, '50 BEd, of Nepean, ON, in December '04

John Edward Oyler, BA, '50 MA, of Victoria, BC, in October '04

Kenneth Drysdale Porter, BCom, of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

'50 Robert Crozier Day, BA, '51 LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

Ronald Graham Dickson, BSc, '52 DDS, of Calgary, AB, in November '04

Harold Reginald Harse, BSc, '54 MD, of Calgary, AB, in October '04

Donald Lewis McMillan, BSc(Ag), '66 BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in August '04

Nicholas Stephen Novakowski, BSc, of Nepean, ON, in July '04

David Harvey Pengelly, BSc(Ag), of Erickson, MB, in October '04

Barbara Joyce Webb, Dip(Nu), of Victoria, BC, in July '04

'51 Eleanor Muriel Currie, (Sanford), BSc(HEC), '56 BEd, of Waterloo, ON, in July '04

John Harvey Finlay, Dip(Ed), '52 BEd, '61 MEd, of Winnipeg, MB, in October '04

Ivan Leigh Head, BA, '52 LLB, '87 LLD (Honorary), of West Vancouver, BC, in November '04

'52 Donald Harry Heimbecker, BSc(Ag), of Calgary, AB, in October '04

'53 Peter Tennant Ream, BDiv, of Fort Saskatchewan, AB, in October '04

'54 James Edward Campbell, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

Francis William Fitzpatrick, BCom, of Scottsdale, Arizona, in October '04

Mary Anne Gillies, Dip(Ed), '56 BEd, '68 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton, AB, in June '04

Ardis Yvonne Hafso, BA, '78 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

'55 Gerald James Evenden, DDS, of Buena Vista, SK, in August '04

George Harry Shapka, Dip(Ed), '67 BEd, of Waskatenau, AB, in October '04

'56 Thomas Samuel Millman, LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

'57 John W.K. McClung, BA, '58 LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

'59 Bernice Delores Carlson, BEd, of Victoria, BC, in December '04

George Richard Klompas, BSc(Pharm), of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

'60 Vera Mary Jarvis, BEd, '71 MEd, of St. Albert, AB, in September '04

'61 John Wendle Shields, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

Paul Leonard Voegtlin, BEd, of Edson, AB, in June '04

'62 Ethel Georgina Carran, BEd, '68 MEd, of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

Rosalie Anne Szuch (Stone), BEd, of Calgary, AB, in November '04

'63 Norman Henry Cowling, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

'64 Fraser Reginald Peacock, BCom, of Calgary, AB, in October '04

'65 Arthur Wesley Carnahan, BEd, '74 Dip(Ed), of Fort Saskatchewan, AB, in September '04

James Trevor McNeely, MA, of Brandon, MB, in March '04

Horst Gunther Wolff, BA, '66 LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

'67 Frances Louise Falkenberg, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

Walter John Schoenhofer, Dip(Ed), '91 Dip(Ed), of Wetaskiwin, AB, in October '04

Nelson Grant Smith, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

'68 Maurice Frank Estabrooks, MSc, of Carp, ON, in October '04

Bernhard Johan de Vos, MSc(Eng), of Sherwood Park, AB, in October '04

'70 Doreen Marion Al-Adra, BSc(HEC), of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

Carole Louise McEachern, BEd, of Sherwood Park, AB, in October '04

Ronald John Kinna, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

Mary E. Wiedrick, Dip(Ed), of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

'71 Samuel Henry Dudley, BEd, '76 BA, of Victoria, BC, in July '04

Thomas Stanley Elniski, BPE, '71 BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

Eugene Harasymiw, BA, '75 LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

Beverly Ann Klein (Good), BEd, of St. Albert, AB, in September '04

Robert Edmund Stoddart, BEd, of Calgary, AB, in October '04

Thomas Howard Westran, BSc(Eng), of Ottawa, ON, in December '04

'72 Bryant Frederick Bidgood, PhD, of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

Gary Anthony Gauthier, BCom, of Beaconsfield, QC, in October '04

Sidney Albert Holthe, BEd, of Elk Point, AB, in October '04

Doris Jessie Stafford, BEd, of Ponoka, AB, in August '04

'73 Nancy Leone Hoveland (Dixon), Dip(Nu), of Wainwright, AB, in December '04

Esther Ligaya Javier, BCom, of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

Guy Gerald Lagasse, DDS, of Edson, AB, in October '04

Nancy Evelyn Patterson, BEd, of Victoria, BC, in June '04

'74 Robson Bonnicksen, PhD, of College Station, Texas, in December '04

Eric Charles Candy, BA, of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

Kerry Lynn Lewis (Meers), BA, '75 Dip(Ed), of Surrey, BC, in September '04

Daniel Hunter Strathern, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

'75 Steven Kam-Yiu Chu, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

'76 Henning Konrad Lies, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, AB, in November '04

'78 Jaime Pascual Santiago, PhD, of Edmonton, AB, in November '04

'79 Janette Nicol Fleming, BA, of Edmonton, AB, in December '04

'80 Bruce Vincent Kapler, BSc(Eng), '94 MBA, of Calgary, AB, in December '04

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'81 Joan Bolsterli Evans, MLS, of Edmonton, AB, in September '04

Martin Georg Mentz, BCom, of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

'82 Jane Elizabeth Grant, BSc(HEC), of Victoria, BC, in September '04

'83 Donna Gail Hoffman, BCom, of Regina Beach, SK, in August '04

'84 Emery William French, BA, of Calgary, AB, in December '04

'86 Gregory Wallace Affolder, BCom, of Toronto, ON, in December '04

'92 Lucille Anne McRae, BSc(Nu), of Edmonton, AB, in October '04

'03 Grant Robert Cunningham, BSc(Eng), of Three Hills, AB, in August '04

Making time for things that matter

by Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA



ABOUT

DICK WILSON

Books: Romeo Dallaire's *Shake Hands with the Devil*—"I'm partway through it. It's powerful but interesting." Also *Pyramid of Greed* by alumnus Frank Kobie ('78 MBA).

Music: All kinds—opera, jazz, blues. For radio, CKUA and CBC.

Movies: "I just saw *Touching the Void*, an amazing story based on a book of the same name about two English mountain climbers.

It's an amazing story of sheer determination, a compelling story of human strength."

Favorite campus spots: SUB—"it's alive with activity"; Varsity Gym—"When I was in high school I'd go there in the summers for pick-up games of 3-on-3 basketball"; Assiniboia and Athabasca Halls.

Even with a busy law practice, a family, basketball and golf games with his buddies, volunteer commitments, and many other demands on his energy, **Dick Wilson**, '73 BA, '74 LLB, makes time for things that matter. Luckily for the U of A, something that matters to Wilson, now president of the Alumni Association, is helping out his alma mater.

After he completed his law degree and spent some time away from the U of A, Wilson followed the example of his wife, **Carol Wilson (Hanson)**, '74 BEd, and was lured back to campus to volunteer with the Alumni Association. "My wife was on Alumni Council for four years as a member-at-large, then on the executive, so I got to know Alumni Council through that."

When he saw the University with fresh eyes, Wilson was most impressed. "When you come back and see the University, it really is a remarkable place, and the people there are so incredibly talented and interesting. I think as a student you don't appreciate it, but when you come back with more life experience, you do. I don't get into the classroom, but you hear about the researchers there—when you look at the group of people who came up with Edmonton Protocol to treat diabetes, you have to be impressed."

Wilson has been impressed by the U of A since he grew up in nearby Windsor Park, though for changing reasons. "I have a lot of early memories of the U of A," he recalls. "I went to Windsor Park Elementary School and Garneau for junior high. I'd walk through the campus or ride my bike, depending on the time of year, and I can remember the cinnamon buns from Tuck Shop."

As a student Wilson was impressed with the quality of education he received through the faculties of Arts and Law, and he was impressed when he met Carol on campus through mutual friends.

U of A connections run through Wilson's family. His siblings, all in the medical profession, studied at the U of A. His father was a doctor at the U of A Hospital, as was his paternal grandfather, who also set an example of helping out where needed. In 1935 Donald R. Wilson donated the Wilson

Challenge Trophy, still given yearly to the University's outstanding male athlete. "There were no awards for athletes," Wilson says by way of explaining his grandfather's motivation, "so he started it by donating this."

The elder Wilson would be proud that his grandson is carrying on the tradition of seeing what needs to be done and doing it. A

desire to help has motivated his volunteer commitments and his career choice. Now a partner at Parlee McLaws LLP, Wilson says, "I had a pretty good idea that I did want to be a lawyer right out of high school. The appeal was that I would be working with people and helping them with their problems."

After serving on Alumni Council for three years as the faculty representative

for Law, Wilson was elected president of the Alumni Association, a two-year term he'll hold through June 2006. As president, he hopes to "continue on with the excellent program that the Alumni Association has in place and to continue to get the alumni involved in the University, to help them stay connected."

"I would also like to enhance our relationship with the University—it's such a huge organization and there is a huge learning curve in understanding the organization. We want to work with other departments as a team, and we want to have alumni be involved."

For Wilson and his colleagues on Alumni Council, "a feeling that you have helped to contribute to make the University a better place is the reward for involvement." They feel that they've done something good for their community and, above all, helped out students—"We were all students there, most of us have children who have gone through university; we know it's a challenge for some of these kids. It's hard work and financially challenging too."

After all he got from the U of A, Dick Wilson knows that as an alumnus it's time to give something back. Recalling his decision to study at the U of A, he says, "I always thought I'd go to university, whether here or elsewhere, but I have no regrets with my choice; it was a good choice."

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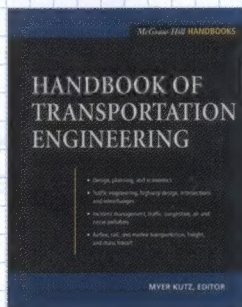
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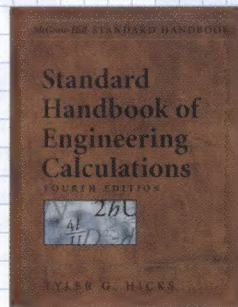
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